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Jordan's King Hussein welcomes Foreign Minister David Levy at the Royal Palace in Amman yesterday.

Levy gets frosty reception in Jordan

JORDAN'S King Hussein warned visiting Foreign Minister David Levy yesterday that the Netanyahu government should not announce a flurry of settlement expansion once a Hebron deal is done to compensate the right wing of the coalition.

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During a visit that was a lowprofile affair due to the troubled peace process, bereft of the open warmth that characterized previous visits of top Israeli officials to

slightly injured in attack on SLA post the Jordanian capital, Levy held separate meetings with the OC Northern Command Mai.-Amitai was lightly injured last Saturday when Hizbullah gummen

monarch, Crown Prince Hassan Gen. Amiram Levine escaped and Prime Minister Abdul Karim unhurt from a Hizbullah mortar attack on a South Lebanese Army At a press conference alongside position he was visiting in the Levy at the king's Basman Palace security zone yesterday.

Brig.-Gen. Eli Amitai, head of complex in Amman, Jordanian Information Minister Marwan

the IDF's Lebanese Liaison Unit, who was accompanying Levine, was very lightly hurt in the attack - the second time he has been ded in less than a we

Levine unhurt, Amitai

was traveling on the Ishiyeh-Rehan road. Two of the ambushers were killed in the ensuing clash. Military sources said yesterday that the IDF was investigating whether the two incidents involving

ambushed the convoy in which he

Amitai were pure coincidence, or whether Hizbullah was receiving

Bar-Illan: We may be able to accept a limited Palestinian state

A PALESTINIAN state with strictly defined, limited sovereignty including demilitarization - is something Israel may be able to accept, especially since partition already exists today and the notion of "Greater Israel" is no longer possible, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's senior policy adviser, David Bar-Illan, says in a wideranging interview with The Jerusalem Post today. (See Page 7).

Bar-Illan, who is often described as the leading ideological aide to Netanyahu, shows surprising flexibility in dealing with the

"I think partition is a fact. The question now is really what sort of partition," Bar-Illan said.

On the notion of Palestinian statehood, Bar-Illan said, "I think that when the Labor Party talked about the state, they said that they wanted it to be demilitarized; but if it isn't, well there is nothing much we can do about it. While Netanyahu is making it a condition for the existence of an entity - whether you call it a state or not is not really the important thing. The condition is that it cannot have unlimited soverDAVID MAKOVSKY

He said that in some ways, a Palestinian state already exists. "In many ways, it is a state. [Ariel] Sharon keeps saying they really have a state already. In many ways, it is much more of a state than it was envisioned in the Oslo agreement, as you know." He said if the Palestinians do

declare statehood at some point in the future, he is convinced the 'whole world will recognize it.' On the issue of Netanyahu's ide-

ology, Bar-Illan said, "I think in general he is no longer [in favor of] a whole-land-of-Israel movement. I don't think he feels that there is any chance of the Land of Israel remaining completely under the exclusive rule of Israel.

Among his points, Bar-Illan: agrees with the view that there is no great difference today between the Likud and Labor, due to the Likud's adherence to Oslo. At the same time, he blasts the Labor govemment for not forcing Arafat to stick to limits which, if unchecked, would lead to a militarized

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absolutely vigilant about setting limits for Yasser Arafat, he is convinced the Palestinian leader would declare a holy war on Israel. At the same time, he terms Arafat's current regime a "police state" and says Israel cannot keep "lying" about this, but must press the case of Palestinian violations of Oslo regardless of its impact upon US congressional funding of the Palestinian Authority.

 says the notion of Jewish control over the whole Land of Israel suffered a decisive blow as far back as the 1920s, when socialism prevailed as the dominant ethos in the country, making the country less attractive a place for immigrants.

· believes, despite remarks made a few months ago to the contrary, that Israel cannot take away Palestinian weaponry. However, he maintains hope that the Palestinians

themselves will disarm militias. insists settlement expansion can occur without adding "another square inch" to any settlements. This way, the Palestinians do not have to worry that Israel is seeking to preclude the negotiations on the final disposition of the ter-

Negotiators talk to rebels in Peru hostage crisis

LIMA (Reuter) - Negotiators, some of them freed ambassadors, opened up communication links with leftist rebels in Peru yesterday to release about 400 captives held in the Japanese ambassador's residence.

g, a Swiss nation al of the Red Cross, was heading

negotiations with the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA) guerrillas, who stormed the compound in spectacular fashion on Tuesday night and have threatened to kill the hostages if their demands are not met.

A negotiating commission of

four diplomats, released on Wednesday, was also "acting as a link for communications between the Japanese residence and authorities outside," Canadian Ambassador Anthony Vincent told

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Barred Bard: Shakespeare misses spot on Euro notes because of antisemitism

THE Bard is barred. Shakespeare does not appear on new European Union banknotes because of what some call antisemitism in one of his plays, according to Guido Crapanzano, a member of the committee that decided on the design of the notes.

Crapanzano, an Italian banker, told the Italian newspaper Corriere della Sera Shakespeare's portrayal of Shylock in The Merchant of Venice was a key reason for the

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gain ever NEW YORK (Reuter) - Bluechip stocks soared yesterday on the back of a powerful rally in the

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committee's decision. He also said it had been decided that Mozart would not feature on the notes because of possible "objections to his Masonic

"This reasoning is totally ridiculous," said Zvi Jagendorf, of the English and Theater departments at Hebrew University. "Unlike, say, Wagner, whose anti-Jewish opinions were an important feature of his philosophy.

Sheves denies bribery allegations

"I have never been engaged in the energy field, neither in my former position as director-general of the Prime Minister's Office nor at any other time," Shimon Sheves said

Sheves was responding to reports that the Securities Authority is probing allegations that starting in 1994, while serving as former head of the Prime Minister's Office for Yitzhak

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in the energy field.

Rabin, he received benefits from publicly traded companies in turn for helping them win concessions (Continued on Page 18) Full report, Page 13 REGULAR AND PRIVATE TOURS ravel & Tour Individuals • Friends • Families Small Groups • Large Groups **EGYPT** SINAI

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'Concerned' US sending Ross to check on Hebron talks

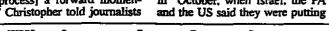
HILLEL KUTTLER WASHINGTON

STATING that he and President Bill Clinton are "concerned about the recent drift" in the peace process, Secretary of State Warren Christopher announced yesterday he is dispatching special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross to the region this weekend to get an "up-to-date assessment" of the Hebron talks.

At the same time, he left no doubt that the US would be making a further push to bring the talks to a conclusion.

Christopher said the US believes "it is time for a Hebron agreement to be reached, and for the parties to pursue the remaining issues in the negotiations there without fur-

"I still have confidence in the peace process. I believe that an agreement can be reached on Hebron, should be, that will give [the process] a forward momen-



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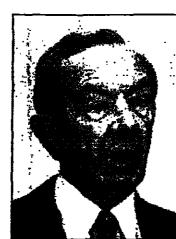
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"no basis" for any change in US policy toward Iran, which he said "remains a dangerous force" in the

IDF, Palestinians resume ioint patrol in Nablus

the Hebron redeployment talks on

the fast track, following

September's violence between

IDF soldiers and Palestinian

Ambassador to Israel Martin

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Christopher indicated that the

ball is in the PA's court, and called

on Chairman Yasser Arafat to

He also "strongly" urged Arafat

Christopher also said he sees

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close the deal.

The IDF and the Palestinian Authority resumed joint military patrols in Nablus yesterday, the fifth city to resume these patrols since they were halted following September's bloody clashes in the

Despite the resumption of the joint patrols, the IDF said Nablus still remains a closed military Arieh O'Sullivan

Israel will demand extradition of PFLP killers, says Hanegbi

ISRAEL will formally request the extradition of the suspected murderers of Etta and Ephraim Tzur last week, Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi told the cabinet yesterday.

If it does, this will be the first formal extradition request the Netanyahu government has submitted since taking office. While three other requests have been prepared and are currently sitting on Hanegbi's desk, they have not yet been submitted, because the Oslo Accords state that such requests can only be formally submitted at meetings of the joint Israeli-Palestinian legal committee. There have been no such meetings since the new government took power.

Another three requests are in the final stages of preparation, according to ministry sources. The Palestinian Authority has ignored 15 of

the 17 requests submitted by the previous govemment and rejected two others.

"I hope that this time the PA will deviate from its usual custom and understand that it is obligated to honor such a significant clause in the agreement between us," Hanegbi said.

The presumed killers, Nasser Qaysi and Ibrahim Kam, were tried and sentenced to life on Wednesday by the PA, and their driver, Ibrahim Hani, was sentenced to 15 years. According to the PA, this is legal grounds for delaying their extradition, according to the Oslo Accords.

The Rabin and Peres governments accepted the PA's interpretation on this point, over the

objections of Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair and then justice minister David Liba'i. The Netanyahu government, however, has adopted Ben-Yair's position on the subject. which was prepared after the PA conducted a lightning trial of the suspects in the murder of Uri Shahor and Ohad Bachrach last year.

Ben-Yair's argument is based on Section 1 of the legal appendix to the agreement, which states that the PA has criminal jurisdiction only over crimes committed within their territorial jurisdiction. Since the Tzurs, like Bachrach and Shahor, were killed in an area controlled by Israel, the PA had no authority to try their murdeters in the first place, and the entire trial and sentence are therefore null and void, Ben-Yair

PFLP protests sentences in Beit El killings

THE heavy sentences of the three convicted drive-by killers of Etta and Ephraim Tzur aroused anger in Ramaliah yesterday as 500 demonstrators, mostly from the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, protested in the street.

The protest also included some Hamas and Fatah supporters.

There were calls to "drop the olive branch and pick up the rifle." Some also said the Palestinian police were agents of the Israeli security services. The two convicted of shooting

the Tzur's were sentenced to life in prison with hard labor, and their driver was sentenced to 15 years. Local PFLP leaders said they doubted that justice could have been done in a two-hour trial of

their members and compared it POLICE in Hebron stripunfavorably with Yigal Amir's trial for assassinating Yitzhak Rabin, which took several months. Preventive Security Chief Jibril

Rajoub, who spoke with PFLP leaders in his Jericho office yesterday, justified the short, secret trial in Jericho Wednesday night on the grounds that the three had confessed and police had found the murder weapons.

He said the sentences were justi-

fied because the attack was "a big strategic mistake." He repeated there would be no extradition to Israel.

In Jericho, Hamas held an indoor meeting similar to one at a Ramallah theater earlier this week with pictures emblazoned on the walls of Yihya Ayyash, known as "the Engineer" for his bomb-making skills. Ayyash was killed by a bomb last January 4. A leaflet by Izzadin Kassam, Hamas's armed brigade, has warned of an attack to mark the anniversary.

Mubarak: Palestinians key to Syrian peace **ELDAD BECK PARIS**

EGYPTIAN President Hosni Mubarak said yesterday nobody can persuade Syria to renew peace talks, since President Hafez Assad has lost all confidence in Israel. In an interview with the French weekly L'Express, Mubarak said **Minister** Binyamin Prime Netanyahu honors commitments to the Palestinians, before they agree to return to peace talks. "The Palestinians are the key to peace with Syria. If the Palestinian affair is resolved, I tell you everything in the Middle East will be resolved," Mubarak

Muharak accused Netanyahu of violating treaties signed by his predecessors and approved by the Knesset. "Since long ago we know that the Jews keep to their promises. What, then, is happening with this prime minister? If he goes on that way, there will be no more understanding nor stability in the region," said Mubarak.

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B'Tselem: Three more Hebron women strip-searched

searched three more women, only days after a human-rights group released a report condemning the practice in the city, the

B Tselem group said yesterday.

The day B Tselem released its report on 15 cases of the stripsearching of women in Hebron during the past month, police searched another home and surpsearched three women in front of their four young children.

The women, aged 17 to 49, and the children were compelled by four policewomen to undress in one another's presence Tuesday night, field worker Mazen

Dandis said. In one case, a woman with a bandaged hand was forced to remove the banin each case, the police were

searching for weapons or ammunition. The strip searches were apparently ordered after one woman, during a raid, was found to be hiding a pistol in her bra.

The latest case involved the

family of Ahmed Baradi in Hebron's Kassara area near Kiryat Arba. Police have denied one charge of strip-searching and ignored others. They refer com-plainants to the Justice Ministry police investigations department.

Ideological Front seeks permit to stage protest against Oslo Accords at Rabin's grave

HERB KEINON

ITAMAR Ben-Gvir, an activist in the Ideological Front, the successor organization to Kach, requested a permit from the Jerusalem police yesterday to demonstrate against the Oslo Accords in front of Yitzhak Rabin's grave on Mt. Herzl next week.

The request comes a day after OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi

Dayan granted permission to the group called An Entire Generation
Seeks Peace to demonstrate at Baruch Goldstein's grave in Kiryat Arba
next week. The organization is headed by Rabin's son, Yuval.

Jerusalem police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby said that the police 2255 (2) 50 5 Dayan's permission for the protest came after the group three the High Court of Justice after its original request to protest at the site about 1220 and 1220 a

a month ago was turned down. The court ordered the two sides to come - I in the court ordered the court ordered the court ordered the two sides to come - I in the court ordered the to an agreement, and Dayan then gave his approval. The demonstration - to protest that Goldstein's grave has turned into a memorial of sorts - x. is scheduled for next Friday. arzel said that the Ideological Front will

also petition the High Court if its request is turned down. "Dayan has now given legitimacy to protesting in front of graves," Marzel said. "We have been waiting for the opportunity, without identifying with the assassination, of showing our derision for the attempt to turn into a

national hero a man who in our eyes was the worst prime minister in Israel's history," Marzel said. "We have been waiting for the opportunity to demonstrate against Oslo and against the man [Rabin]. Now we have the opportunity. Marzel said that if An Entire Generation Seeks Peace goes ahead with

its demonstration in Kiryat Arba, they will "receive a reception similar to one that Kach would receive if it marched in Umm el-Fahm."

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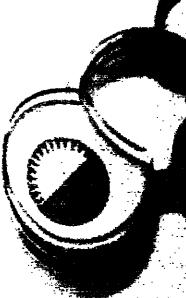
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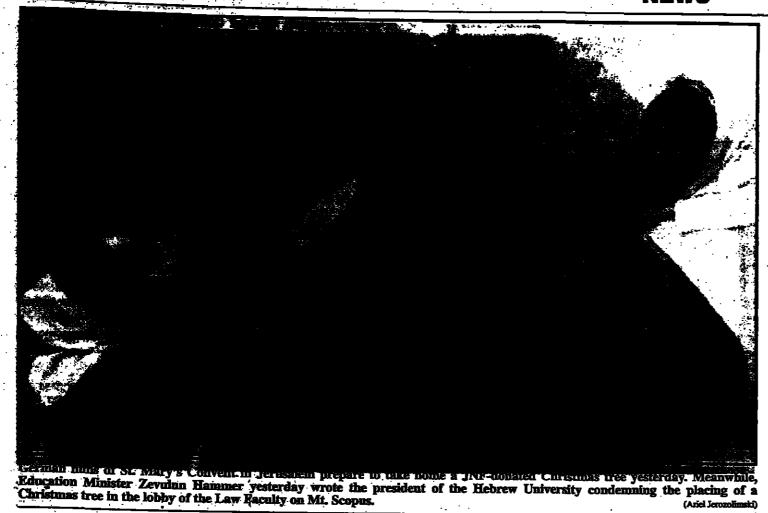
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Visiting German parliamentarians discuss reparations with survivors

SEVEN visiting members of the Bundestag's Interior Affairs Committee yesterday met with Holocaust survivors in Jerusalem to discuss reparations for tens of thousands of vic-

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The Bundestag representatives later said that they would use their influence in the committee - which is the parliamentary body that deals with Holocaust affairs - and with their parties to push for compensation for the numerous survivors from various parts of Europe. The compensation is intended for Nazi victims who received a one-time payment only, or no compensation whatsoever,

Last March, Claims Conference representatives began talks with the German authorities on paying reparations to those tens of thousands of survivors who had fallen between the cracks. But in July, the German government decided to break off the talks, saying they would resume only in 1999.

The claims amount to some DM 300 million per year. The Bonn government said that the budget for this could not be found.

"The claims are for survivors aged 70 and over whose mental and physical health is very poor," Noah Fing, director of the Center of tee in Bonn.

Holocaust Survivors' Organizations said yesterday. "If the compensation is paid only in 1999, there will not be many survivors to

Flug said that the budget could come from the original reparations allocations since reparations were currently being paid to 118,000 survivors as compared with 300,000 20 years

The Bundestag delegation said that the encounter with the survivors yesterday in Jerusalem was "extremely moving" and that some of the survivors would be invited to present their claims to the parliamentary commit-

Left-wing students protest alleged political repression at Bar-Ilan University **BATSHEVA TSUR** THEIR mouths scaled with Band-

Aids, students representing the University to protest what they say is repression of their political views on campus.

The students were protesting against the new university regula, the right are permitted to speak cal violence is to allow people to argue on the campus laws. Bar-allow the dean of students to pre-Committee which looked into

political activity on the campus left-wing parties yesterday following the assassination of the moderate religious movement demonstrated at Bar-Han Yitzhak Rabin.

Meimad, said.

According to the demonstrators, the regulations will continue to prevent left-wing views from being aired, while the students on asked. "The way to prevent politi-

vent political activity on campas. tinue just as before. The day
The regulations follow recombefore elections, a NRP candidate campus while all the other parties the protest, the students had been stickers."

are muffled," Noam, an activist of What kind of pluralism is this,

if we are not allowed to air our views?" Oren, a Meretz activist said in response that no new regulations regarding political activity

reprimanded by the academic secretary for "polluting" the campus with stickers and brochures. He said they had placed stickers on TV screens and furniture and that sanitation crews and security officers had to clean up the mess.

"There are 15 bulletin boards for notices all over the campus." Weinberg said. "They can be used by political parties, by people looking for matchinaking, selling cars, or by gays," he said. "That is

Coalition close to compromise on budget

THE child allowance cuts in the 1997 budget proposal will be replaced by not updating national insurance allowances or tax credits for inflation in 1997, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Finance Minister Dan Meridor agreed yesterday with coalition members of the Knesset Finance Committee.

The ministers also agreed that payments for doctors' visits and a 25 percent hike in co-payments for medicines will be dropped from the budget proposal, though what will replace these items has not been definitely settled. Both Finance Committee Chairman Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism) and head of the coalition in the committee Silvan Shalom (Likud) said one measure which seems likely is an increase in cigarette taxes, while another is increasing the income ceiling on which the national health tax is levied from four to five times the

Since child allowances and the health payments were the three most problematic items in the budget to coalition MKs, yesterday's agreement makes it very likely that the budget will now pass. The one outstanding problem is Gesher, which has additional demands such as increased housing assistance for young couples. Gesher met with Treasury officials last night, but faction chairman Maxim Levy said Ravitz said, Pini Badash (Likud)

no agreement was reached. The cuts in child allowances were expected to save NIS 850 million next year. According to Ravitz, the savings from not updating allowances and tax credits will be "more or less the same."

The payments for doctors' visits were expected to raise NIS 270m. while the hike in co-payments for medicines was slated to bring in NIS 150m. Raising the income ceiling for the health tax would bring in NIS 100m., and a halfshekel increase in the cigarette tax would raise some NIS 200m., so NIS 120m. is still outstanding.

The Treasury is to supply a detailed proposal by Sunday, when the committee is slated to vote on the Economic Arrangements Law of which all these measures are

One issue which remained unresolved at the end of the almost four-hour meeting was the proposed cut in investment grants under the Capital Investment Encouragement Law.

The Treasury wants to cut the maximum grant size from 30% to 20%. Unlike the child allowances and the health payments, which had met with wall-to-wall opposition in the committee, most coalition MKs in the committee are willing to accept this. However,

Religious Party) are still objecting. and the coalition needs at least one of them to pass the proposal.

Ravitz suggested the law be changed to permit exceptions to the 20% limit in special cases approved by the Treasury and the Industry and Trade Ministry. The Treasury is considering the proposal, and will give the committee an answer on Sunday.

The committee is also still awaiting a Treasury proposal to cap school health fees for large families, which was its condition for approving the fees.

Meanwhile, the Treasury also met yesterday with members of the Knesset's religious caucus, to discuss their demands for an increase in the Religious Affairs Ministry budget. The Finance Committee rejected this budget as being inadequate earlier this week.

Yair Wolf, spokesman for Deputy Religious Affairs Minister Yigal Bibi, said nothing was settled, but progress was made --including the establishment of some joint committees to discuss the issues further - and an agreement sometime next week seemed likely. The biggest outstanding problem is the ministry's demand for NIS 100m, to compensate for erosion in the yeshiva budget over the past four years.

David Harris contributed to this

Negotiations resume between Haifa Chemicals management, workers

NEGOTIATIONS resumed between management and workers at the troubled Haifa Chemicals plant yesterday, although the atmosphere remained tense following the riots there earlier this week in which 12 people were hurt, eight of them employees.

The resumption of talks followed the Haifa regional labor court's rejection early yesterday of management's demand to oust strikers who have been staging a sit-in at the plant.

The court, however, ruled that the number of strikers inside should be reduced to 50 and instructed management to limit to 15 the number of security guards at the plant in the Haifa bayside industrial zone.

This followed the fighting on Monday night between guards hired by management to ensure the transport of ammonia from the factory's wharf to Haifa Chemicals' sister plant near Rotem, south of Beersheba, and

workers on picket line duty at the bayside complex.

The court also instructed management to ensure that the guards would not be armed with any weapons, including batons and brass knuckles, and instructed the two sides to resume talks.

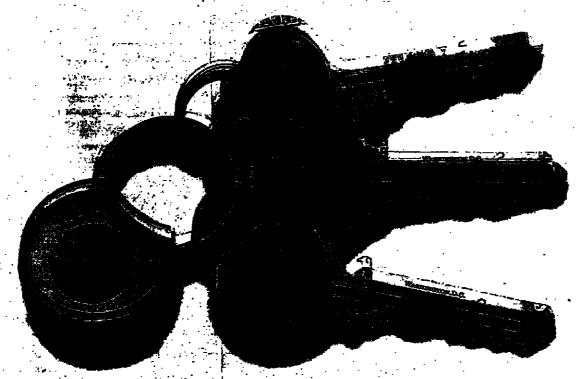
In the meantime, a "siege demonstration" is to be held out-side the Haifa Chemicals plant at Rotem on Sunday as part of a Histadrut campaign to paralyze the factory there. More than 300 of the 500 workers from the Haifa factory are to be taken to

the southern plant and will be joined there by scores of representatives from works committees in the southern region.

The workers are pressing for a new collective labor agreement. Management wants to annul the accord to cut costs, including the number of workers, to enable the company to compete profitably on overseas markets.

The Histadrut has presented alternative proposals which it maintains would save the firm around \$8 million a year. The plans have not yet been discussed in full between the two

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The limits of evenhandedness

TNITED States State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said Tuesday that the US has been "very disappointed" with the lack progress in the Hebron redeployment talks. Unfortunately, President Clinton himself has contributed to the stalemate by adding to Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat's reasons to drag his feet.

Clinton decided to publicly criticize Israel's amorphous settlement policy, calling settlements an "obstacle to peace." There is, of course, nothing new in this statement. In fact, the United States has had harsher words to say about settlements in the past. But this is the most pointed Clinton has ever been.

It is a particularly inopportune time for the United States to decide to give Israel a slap on the wrist. The Hebron talks are not deadlocked on the substance of the agreement, but on Arafat's willingness to complete the agreement. Arafat is not in a hurry to let a Hebron agreement release some of the diplomatic pressure now directed at Israel. He also wants to see if he can extract concessions regarding the further redeployments required under the Oslo Accords.

At this point, the pressure on Israel is much greater than the normal amount that falls on both sides before the signing of an agreement. For the first time since the Oslo process began, a palpable threat of Palestinian violence hangs over the talks. In the past, there was a generalized threat of terrorism against Israel, but terrorism would occur without connection as to whether the talks were going well or badly.

The bloody September riots, in which 15 Israelis and dozens of Palestinians were killed, changed this. More importantly, the Palestinians were not blamed for the violence, even though Arafat did his best to incite it. Palestinian police did not lift a finger to prevent it, and for days Arafat did nothing to stop it. Instead, the world deposited complete responsibility on Israel's doorstep, and the Palestinians enjoyed a diplo-

So long as the door is open to this scenario repeating itself, the lion's share of the pressure remains on Israel. The longer the Palestinians wait, the more the pressure on Israel builds.

By unilaterally criticizing Israel at this time, Clinton is compounding a mistake made at the emergency summit following the September violence. At the summit, the United States resisted massive pressure to call on Israel to close the tunnel exit, but at the same time did not specifically criticize the Palestinians for their resorting to violence.

Evenhandedness certainly has its place, but it is sometimes a poor substitute for wise policy and can be tantamount to playing with fire. While the opening of the tunnel exit was a convenient hook on which to rest Palestinian calls for riots, it was Palestinian violence that posed an existential threat to the peace process.

To this day, the president of the United States has not clearly and specifically criticized, let alone condemned, any Palestinian threats of violence. Condemnations of violence are always made generically, such as calling on "both sides" to refrain from violence. At the snap summit in October, Clinton urged the Palestinians to "be patient," as if violence were an understandable expression of impatience.

The quickest and surest way for the United States to reinvigorate the peace talks and prevent violence is to categorically reject violence as a justifiable Palestinian response to disputes with Israel.

If the United States wants to track the movement of every bulldozer on barren hilltops in Judea and Samaria, that is surely its prerogative. For the sake of the peace process, however, it would be much more productive were the US to react quickly and firmly to every call for jihad, every "prediction" of "frustration" leading to violence.

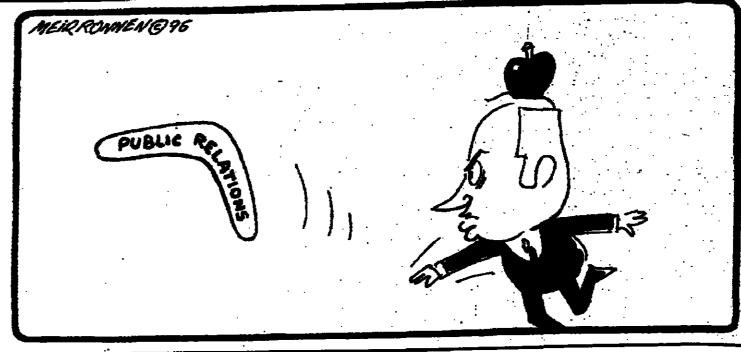
For its part, Israel's government should face the fact that it cannot get away with expanding settlements as much as the previous government did without explicitly describing the limits of such expansion. Fair or not, the current government does not enjoy the international goodwill of the previous government. Netanyahu gets no slack, Rabin and Peres did.

Netanyahu has already ruled out new settlements before the resolution of a permanent status agreement. As a practical matter, Israel is not going expand settlements outside of the existing settlement blocks that are expected to be annexed to Israel under any conceivable permanent settlement. The Netanyahu government might as well make the limits of its policy explicit, so that the Palestinians - and the United States - can stop spinning nightmare scenarios, however unrealistic they may be.

In a welcome move Wednesday, the United States highlighted Israeli concessions in the Hebron talks as "very important" and urged the Palestinians to reciprocate. This sort of nudging does not, however, get to the heart of the

No one doubts the friendship of the United States in general, and Clinton in particular, towards Israel. Meaning well, unfortunately, is not enough. The violence in September did structural damage to the peace process that can only be repaired by new reinforcing rods against violence.

The sooner the United States makes its opposition to Palestinian threats of violence at least as clear and as pointed as its opposition to settlements, the better.



Who's afraid of a few houses?

THREE former US secretaries of state were among the eight signatories of a letter dispatched from Washington to the prime minister on Sunday morning, three others refused to

OPINION

Those who signed were Cyrus Vance, James Baker and Lawrence Eagleburger. Those who declined were Henry Kissinger, Alexander Haig and George Schultz.

Formulated carefully, moderately and politely, the letter contained no criticism. Faxed to the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem, it was accompanied by a note embargoing its publication before the addressee had time to examine it and reply, if necessary.

This was proof that the "agent" who collected the signatures of the former secretaries did not intend to open any serious dialogue on the future of the peace process, merely to publicize the fact that - look! - distinguished diplomats were joining the chorus of opposition to Netanyahu's settlement policy.

The secretaries who refused to

sign are not supporters of the settlements; in fact, when in office they opposed them. But Kissinger, Haig and Shultz prefer to remain aloof from a campaign that was liable to deceive the Arabs into thinking that the US had turned its back on Israel.

Reading the letter one cannot help being favorably impressed by its reference not to "occupied" territory" but to "disputed perritory" that will be divided up between the two sides.

In other words, in favoring territorial compromise the letter comes closer to the Israeli consend the Axad one. It does not define the settlements as an obstacle to peace; it only sees their extension as an act that is "counterproductive" to the peace negoMOSHE ZAK

Finally, the eight signatories compliment Netanyahu on his efforts to achieve peace while preserving Israelis' security.

To us here in Israel such criticism is nothing new. We're used to it. Nonetheless, the letter leaves a sour taste. It fans the flames already lit in Arab capitals, adding substance to the notion that world peace hangs on a few extra houses

and Israel The dearth of public criticism of the warlike statements coming from the Arab capitals - an omis-

tude to Israel.

World peace does not hang on a bit of building in 'disputed' - not 'occupied' - land

When the UN Security Council convened recently in New York and European Union leaders met in Dublin, they did not discuss the Arab leaders' saber-rattling, nor comment on the fact that UN members are threatening another UN member with terror. They preferred to spend their time warning that member, Israel, against building new houses over the Green

The total disproportion into which Israel's dispute with the Palestinians over the settlements has been put plumbed new depths of absurdity when the EU representatives who had come to Washington to discuss complex Euro-American relations wouldn't rest until they had persuaded President Clinton to accept their definition of Israel's settlement

policy as a danger to peace. In the subsequent joint press conference at the White House the Europeans could celebrate the VICTORY accepted. Fine - but it didn't bring peace one millimeter nearer.

The difference between the old formula of the settlements "com- for, he will not abandon us in our comments on current affairs.

sion that stands in stark contrast to the loud public criticism of Israel - does nothing to promote an Israeli-Palestinian settlement;

plicating the peace process" and

the new one which says they are

"an obstacle to peace" isn't that

great, and doesn't indicate any

significant change in the US's atti-

But the Arab states are interpret-

ing this semantic shift as the

beginning of a rift between the US

quite the reverse. The chief Palestinian negotiators now believe they stand a better chance of extracting Israeli concessions through a "controlled conflict" with Israel which will bring about US-European-Arab involvement to stop hostilities and impose a settlement.

CLINTON has made it very clear that the US does not intend imposing a settlement on Israel, and one may assume he means that sincerely. But he has unwittingly made the Arab countries think they see a window of opportunity for an Arab military adventure, as leverage for US pressure on I am certain the Arabs are wrong

in their assessment. Where Israel is concerned we don't need to read Clinton's li his heartbeat.

Even if his statements aren't always everything we could wish hour of need. He won't allow the Arabs to substitute the battlefield for the negotiating table. But what is clear to us isn't nec-

essarily clear to Yasser Arafat or . to chief Oslo Palestinian negotia tor Abu Ala, who repeatedly threaten us with a renewed intifada, assuming (wrongly) that a world which opposes war will forgive them for opening fire and agree to blame the outbreak of war on houses in Beit H or Ras al-

Kissinger once advised US ambassador Rabin, then newly arrived in Washington, against arguing with the president. You can criticize US policy or

anyone in the administration," Kissinger said, "but don't confront the president." This is still good advice.

There is no reason to encourage the Arabs in the belief that the rift they forecast between Clinton and Israel has really come into being. It has not, and will not, even though Israel and the US do not see eye to eye on the settle-

We have had differences of opin-

ion with every US president. But we got a peace treaty with Egypt, even though Medachem Begin wouldn't commit himself to balting settlement. And the Madrid conference took place, even though Yitzhak Shamir refused to though Yitzhak Shamir refused to stop settlement, despite the fact that the Arabs demanded it as a that the Arabs demanded it as a condition for convening the con-

There is no condition even in the Oslo agreement about saling settlement. Settlements have been no obstacle to peace, and they will not constitute grounds for a nit between Israel and the US. Not every

presages a crisis.

The writer, a veteran journalist,

The struggle for moderation

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR I

EXTRADITION

Sir, - Our picture appeared on Page 2 of yesterday's edition of The Jerusalem Post, showing us in front of the US Consulate on Agron Street in Jerusalem.

You omitted to report in the caption under the picture that we were participating in a Women in Green monstration at the time, which had been completely initiated and arranged by that group, of which we are proud members.

We were seeking in this demonstration to have the murderer of our son extradited to America and tried there, in accordance with the existing explicit provisions of the American anti-terrorist statute. and not extradited to Israel as you

Presently that murderer is located under the safe shelter of the Palestinian Authority, which is shielding him from lawful prosecution by anyone.

JOYCE and STANLEY BOIM

Sir, - If Israel is more or less equally divided in matters of politics, there is almost manimity when it comes to housing. The debate is raging as to how to find a solution to the perennial problem without seriously affecting other vital national priorities such as detense, health and education. What if the government, by

decree first, then by law, requires Sir, - Unfortunately, some

Diaspora Jewish groups, incredulous and palpably disappointed over the outcome of the recent Israeli elections, seem to be expending a great deal of energy attempting to undermine Prime Minister Netanyahu and the duly elected government of Israel in order to further their own parochial causes.

Gone is the caveat that was heard during the Rabin/Peres years that we of the Diaspora must support the government of Israel

Sir, - An old ploy of demagogues

and con men is finding fault with personalities instead of discussing actual issues. It is a sure way to lower the level of the argument, to deal with the petty detail that may appeal to some and be repugnant to A responsible attitude would

encourage attempts at reaching a

others.

HOW NOT TO BEHAVE

Siz. - In an article discussing the attitade of youth about the Rabin assassination (December 4), it is mentioned that a committee of experts recommends that "schook should concentrate on reducing verbal and non-verbal violence."

In order to ensure that the proper lesson is brought home to impressionable youth, I would like to recommend that the curriculum include mandatory viewing of Knesset debates and the popular television program Popolitika. In this way, our young people can study the behavior and culture patterns of our public figures and government representatives and thus learn how not to behave.

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regardless of how small the ruling party's majority in the Knesset was, or how much the elected party had departed from the platform on which it was elected.

Totally ignored now is the fact that Netanyahu received over 55 percent of the Israeli Jewish vote and now has a coalition of 66 seats. Also ignored is the fact that Peres's policies of "land for peace" were emphatically discarded in the elec-

OLD PLOY

wide common ground of agreement that a nation divided and confused by the prospect of another war will surely appreciate. Your editorial of December 1 (The case against unity") does just the opposite. It is nothing but a personal attack under the guise of supporting democracy.

SAMUEL-LEVY

AMNESTY REPORT

Sir. - Amnesty International's recently released report on the Palestinians and human rights highlighted the deaths of nine persons in jail, widespread tomate, barassment of the cress and human rights workers as well as a judicial "system" which promotes terrorism. The December 2 Israeli radio news in English at 5 p.m. failed to mention either the deaths or the court system. But the news program did have a focus; its reporter suggested the Palestinians learned toxture methods from the Israelis a charge Amnesty International does not make. In this case, the BBC's coverage of the Amnesty report was reliable. Israeli news was not. SUE GOLDEN LERNER

Jerusalem.

from investments in long-term (20 years) government bonds. After 20 years, the financial institutions will be entitled to sell the apartments. giving first refusal to the tenants. The proceeds deriving from such sales will be considered 100 percent profits for tax purposes.

total process. Diaspora critics with their own agendas in mind paint a glowing picture of worldwide diplomatic success and economic prosperity under Peres that has no foundation in fact. Whatever apparent success there was quickly disappointed under a government that decided to halt the wholesale give-away of the defensible borders of the State of Israel.

JEROME S. KAUFMAN Bloomfield, Michigan.

NAOMI CHAZAN Yeheskel's recent propos-Orthodox establishment while

al to prohibit non-Orthodox Jews from serving on local religious councils signifies not only a betrayal of the Labor movement's principles, but also an additional threat alongside proposed changes on conversion procedures — to establishing Judaism as a dynamic, inclusive element of Israeli culture and society. According to Yeheskel, admin-

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istration of local religious communities should be left to the Orthodox while the authority of non-Orthodox representatives should be restricted to "alternative councils" designated to work with members of their own religious communities.

This type of logic is a clear insult to the democratic process, and an assault on Israel's status as a representative democracy.

The recent Supreme Court decision to include Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist Jews on local religious councils --which Yeheskel's legislation aims to bypass -- is another step toward creating religious ghettoes and undermining the authority of the state and its courts. In addition to being a pillar of

modern democracies, separation of religion and state is critical for other reasons as well.

A look at Israeli history attests to the fact that any alliance between political and religious forces in Israel will mobilize and empower members of the

squeezing out Jews who choose to express their commitment to

Judaism in non-Orthodox ways. As well as jeopardizing Israel's status as a democratic state, the government-bolstered Orthodox choke-hold on Jewish life presents three primary problems to Israeli non-Orthodox communities, those who take on the difficult task of reconciling religious tradition and other compelling belief systems are denied support and fall by the wayside.

Third, actively supporting the so-called status quo can only strain relations between Israeli and Diaspora Jews.

Meretz has been accused of exacerbating religious-secular animosity. Nothing could be further from the truth

First, refusing liberal movements recognition and support relegates movement members to second-class status within the Jewish community.

While the Orthodox have both taxpayer support and tremendous negotiating power in the political arena, the Israeli Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist movements lack these resources. As a result, they are less equipped to address their members' religious and community needs and voice their concerns regarding individual and state interests.

In addition, the absence of religious pluralism in Israel has, over time, fostered alienation from organized religion and stunted the growth of Jewish creativity.

In the face of growing antagonism between the Orthodox and

While liberal movements are both numerically strong and religiously enriching to Diaspora Jewries, many Israeli Jews are not even aware of the options available to them in the vast space between Orthodoxy and complete lack of religious observance.

Only by increasing Israelis' awareness of the choices that exist is there hope for mutual untierstanding and cooperation between Orthodox and non-Orthodox Israeli Jews, and between Israeli and Diaspora Jews.

AT STAKE in this matter are both the Jewish complexion of the state of Israel and the image of Israel to Diaspora Jews.

Meretz, which has reacted strongly to Yeheskel's proposal, has been accused of exacerbating religious-secular animosity. Nothing could be further from the truth. By striving to introduce religious options that break down this

polarizing distinction, Meretz is Signature engaged in the most difficult 12 prostruggle of all: the struggle for moderation and mutual respect. Both Labor and Likud have missed key points in their treat ment of these issues.

Yet the blame for supporting Orthodox hegemony cannot be cast on these two primary players alone. All Israeli legislators and private citizens would benefit from recognizing two main points. First, welcoming liberal move-

ments into the religious arena can earith Israeli Judaism as well as introducing to all Israelis alternative ways of thinking about both our relationship to Jewish tradition and our identity as Jews. More importantly, Israel is the home of the Jewish people, yet it

remains one of the only places in the world where Jews are not free to practice Judaism as they choose. Îsrael's responsibilities as a democratic state lie in either protecting all expressions of Jewish commitment or withdrawing official support from all, thereby enabling each group to flourish

freely. State support for monolithic interpretations of Judaism threatens its democracy and, by extension, its capacity to provide a base for Jewish phuralism and coexistence.

The writer, a Meretz MK, is deputy Knesset speaker.

POSTSCRIPT

ROGER FORTE SOMEDAY Diana may find herself a new prince. Or maybe her true love is out herding yaks on the Mongolian steppes.

The romantically-challenged princess got professional scrutiny from some of the world's best writers on love. They suggested significant others ranging from Microsoft chairman Bill Gates to a yak herder from Mongolia to -

gasp! - another woman.
"She's had very bad luck with men." said novelist Jackie Collins, who suggested a Bi Di. Going bisexual "would really be revenge because the queen will be very

distraught."

The writers specialize in happy endings. But they seemed down about Diana's, saying she will be hurting for cash despite a \$23 million separation settlement, and shouldn't expect to do any better

with new sweethearts than she did

with Prince Charles. You can't get money and pretty in the same package," said Olivia Goldsmith, the First Wives Club author. "This woman has a real problem."

Then again, maybe she won't "She's not very bright," said

Barbara Taylor Bradford, anthor of 11 novels. "She might be pretty but there's not much up there."

Or she could be smarter than she appears. Fear of Flying author Erica Jong said she was fascinated by reports that, when Diana is traveling, suites on either side of her hotel room are purposely left empty.

This leads me to believe that maybe she's had more organis than we think," Jong said. Nancy Friday suggested Diana find love online, and why not shoot for the stars of cyberspace? "She's going to become Cyber Di," said Friday, anthor of The Power of Beauty.

Slaves of New York author Tama Janowitz suggested the yak herder. Goldsmith said Diana should check out the rumored finine profession of her former royal in-law, Sarah Ferguson: television talk show host

Their musings were taped for later broadcast on Romance Classics, a new American cable network devoted to romantic movies. It's set to debut on January Bill Gates might be ready for a 1, for those depressed over not get-ting a New Year's Eve date.

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A hidden game

Mandate ended in late 1947, the country was split into two parts. The larger one remained in the hands of the majority, who declared a sovereign state; the Moslem minority fled across the border.

Endless conflicts brought about repeated wars between the Moslems and the new state. Those of the Moslem minority who didn't flee the country created an autonomous district and demanded annexation to the Moslem country across the border, on the grounds of shared religion, common language, and common customs. They have been waging bloody guerrilla war-fare aimed at making their autonomous district part of the Moslem state.

The government hasn't managed to keep the peace, the roads aren't safe, government representatives get murdered and tourists kidnapped. Bombs wreak havoc. Army morale is croding through civil war; the entire region lives in the shadow of armed uprising.

This is the story of India, Pakistan and Kashmir. Tomorrow it could be the story of Israel, Palestine, and the Galilee Arabs. This is what the prime minister had in mind when he declared his

opposition to full sovereignty for the Palestinians; his fear is that the Arabs who live in Galilee will make a similar demand. It won't happen at the next stage - but it might at the one

after that It wasn't fair of Netanyahu to accuse Israel's Arabs of being disloyal. In fact it is amazing just how loyal they have remained to Israel, despite the hardships and humiliations, and in spite of the temptation to join the struggle of the PLO.

With a few exceptions, Israel's Arabs haven't surrendered to nationalistic impulses, not even when they have been accused of cowardice and betrayal by nationalist movements in the Arab world and fundamentalist organi-

SRAEL suffers from a double crisis of leadership.

Peres, leader of the opposition,

thinks he is leading a government

in exile. On the other hand, Prime

Minister Netanyahu is widely per-

ceived to be the head of a govern-

The impression is that the prime

minister isn't in charge because, in

a manner difficult to define, he

somehow doesn't quite belong.

The insider-outsider cleavage

adds an additional dimension to

the intramural altercations that

have marked Netanyahu's tenure

Take the current dispute over

responsibility for the Western Wall Tunnel fiasco.

On the face of it this appears to

be a classic instance of conflict

Netanyahu has problems answering not only to the Knesset,

but to his own supporters as well.

After all, the only concrete action

of the government on the settle-

ment issue was the decision not to

expand settlements, but rather to

grant some (but not all) settle-

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Under the previous Labor gov-

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The overwhelming majority of the Arab minority - numbering almost a million - aspires to peace, in the framework of an Israeli withdrawal from the territories and the establishment of a

The loyalty of Israel's Arabs to the State of Israel isn't just a consequence of their essentially lawabiding nature. It also stems from their understanding that despite

The stage after next with the Palestinians is the one to beware

the (hidden and overt) limitations imposed upon them they are freer here, in the democratic State of Israel, than any Arab living in any Arab country.

Furthermore, in spite of the discrepancy between the Arab and Jewish sectors as regards government and municipal services, Israel's Arabs have benefited from the country's economic growth, improving their financial situation immeasurably.

YET THIS does not suffice. The human heart yearns for more. Last week's conference for Israeli Arabs in Nazareth was a deeplyfelt expression of the aspiration for a change of status for Israel's

When Israeli Arabs voice the supposedly innocent slogan "Israel as a state of all of its citizens," they mean the de-Zionization of Israel. Witness their appeal to abrogate the Law of Return, which gives Jews an advantage over Arabs.

Israeli-Arab leaders have lately been talking about "cultural autonomy." Well, what's so bad about a minority claiming the right to cultivate its heritage?

In a speech delivered recently at a Tel Aviv University symposium, distinguished Arab-Israeli Professor Said Zaidani explained that the Israeli-Arab aspiration is for the kind of autonomy Quebec enjoys within Canada. That's just the point.

French-Catholic Quebec started out as a "cultural autonomy" separate from the English-speaking Protestant majority. It was this "cultural autonomy" that enabled the Quebec isolationists to develop an independent system of govemment, of education, of nearly

The result is that Quebec is poised on the verge of breaking away from Canada. And this with no other place to annex itself to, France being way across the ocean and not, like the putative Palestinian state, only 15 minutes away.

When I voiced these sentiments on TV's Popolitica program they were vehemently rebutted by Hadash MK Azmi Bashara. And oughtn't he to know, being one of the most vocal promoters of Israeli Arab autonomy in "a state of all its citizens"?

The truth is that a hidden game is being played out here, a game of "I know that you know that I know.

And in this game lies the plan of stages, which puts a Palestinian state alongside a "Zionism-free" Israel.

The Arab minority in Galilee will first achieve cultural autonomy, then administrative autonomy; finally it will be annexed to the Palestinian state with which it identifies heart and soul.

Should the prime minister have sounded this fear in public? Maybe not.

But he would have been highly negligent had be not, in his longterm calculations, taken into account the possibility of a Palestinian state inspiring Israeli Arabs with the longing for a homeland where they are the lords and masters.

The author is an editorial writer



Inspiring, but impractical

A government of exiles S if intoxicated by the Black Sea's sweet, non-European breeze, Odessa at the turn of the century produced such exceptional figures as Herzl's adversary Ahad-Ha'Am, Stalin's nemesis Leon Trotsky and Netanyahu's alter ego, the inspiring but impractical Vladimir

> Like Netanyahu, Jabotinsky who eventually led the Revisionist alternative to the moderate Zionism of Chaim Weizmann and David Ben-Gurion - was a wellread cosmopolitan, an unorthodox thinker and a secular nationalist.

Like Netanyahu, Jabotinsky routinely impressed audiences of every kind and persuasion with impassioned, well-crafted ora-

Netanyahu takes pride in his past as a commando captain; for decades Jabotinsky basked in his experience as a captain with the British army who, during World War I, led a platoon of soldiers across the Jordan into Ottoman Palestine.

Netanyahu has made the war on terror a major theme of his political campaigns; Jabotinsky did the same with his theory of Eisenwand, the iron wall of resolutely-held bayonets that would ultimately teach Arab nationalists the futility of violent struggle

against Zionism. Netanyahu is "Bībi," Jabotinsky was "Jabo." Like Jabo's, Bibi's staunchest supporters are abroad rather than here, and his weltanschauung almost virtually assumes it as a given that the Jewish state was destined to be militarily mighty, economically superior and staunchly supported by a liberal, Western superpower.

Even at this early stage of Netanyahu's political career, one major difference already looms large between the two men: Jabotinsky's career was an ongoing but perennially-frustrated attempt to lead his people, while Netanyahu has made it to that promised land.

Yet after just half a year in office Netanyahu's record evokes the kind of criticism often leveled at Jabotinsky - that he is much better at talking than doing. Scoffing at the piecemeal atti-

tude of Weizmann and Ben-Gurion which, in the face of **AMOTZ ASA-EL** ministers — still staunch, unre-

British foot-dragging and Arab violence, hailed every Zionist purchase and introduction of "a dunam here and a goat there," Jabotinsky flourished alternative, grandiose programs for the wholesale construction of metropolises scornful Shamir, who turned to Palestine.

The reality was that Jabotinsky's rash resignation from the Zionist Executive in 1925, his expulsion from Palestine by Britain in 1931 and his controversial establishment of an alternative Zionist

constructed populists --- voted against the Peres-Moda'i austerity plan that ultimately straightened out the economy.

minister Shimon Peres's Jordan-oriented peace effort while stubbornly denying the occupation's immorality and impracticality.

Less than a year later the intifada broke out, ultimately creating

realities that were far worse from

Against this grim backdrop, the

rise to power of the young, ener-

getic and broadminded Netanyahu

generated hopes that his would be

a different Right, one with

detailed programs executed pro-

fessionally and resolutely by the

seasoned scious of Likud's found-

Alas, judging by what we have seen so far, Netanyahu's is a bet-

ter-packaged, but equally hollow

Shortly after Netanyahu assumed

office it became apparent that he

ing fathers.

the Likud's own viewpoint.

Like Jabotinsky, Netanyahu seems far better at talking than doing

organization in 1935 detached him from the day-to-day management of the burgeoning Zionist enter-

The jury will therefore always be out on how pragmatic and creative a national leader be would

TWO generations after his death and nearly two decades after his disciples first won a national election here, Israel's secular Right sports a lamentably poor record in **20**устпапсе. The Camp David accords, that

jewel in the Likud's historic record, were engineered for Menachem Begin by Ezer Weizman and Moshe Dayan, neither of whom was an organic party product, both of whom abandoned Begin shortly afterwards.

The settlement drive across the Green Line was mostly conceived, led and executed by Bnei Akiva's religious youth, while the Likud's assorted armchair patriots - from Moshe Arens and Yitzhak Shamir to Binyamin Netanyahu and Tzahi Hanegbi --cheered the settlers on from safe, comfortable homes in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

On the economic front, in 1977 the Likud launched a hastily-prepared currency reform which ultimately generated a disastrous hyperinflation crisis.

Eight years later most Likud

taxes "sharply," privatize com-panies "en masse," build railways, establish a national sécurity council, appoint a supreme, On the Palestinian front, a economic forum and make minand the en-masse transfer of entire inaction into something of a isters abandon their Knesset seats (via the Norwegian law) have yet to be acted upon. Not to mention his much-heralded

intention of making "excel-lence" the sole criterion for a cabinet seat. Now, surrounded by "excellent" visionaries like Yehoshua Matza and Tzahi Hanegbi, a perplexed Netanyahu gazes at the ever-complicating realities staring at him from the draw-

ing boards - those drawing boards he conceitedly shunned during four years as an opposi-tion leader who sold his, and this country's, soul to electioncering.

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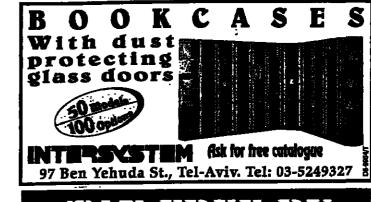
tion promises - to sell "lots" of

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but devoid of contingency plans.

Even those of us who didn't vote for him deserve better than this. But what about his own followers? Isn't it high time they found leaders who will part with the Jabotinsky-Begin-Shamir heritage of maximum talk and minimum

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Knesset is not just on no-confidence motions. A major function of any government is to initiate legislation to carry out its programs. This is a government that may be long on programs, but it is very short on

A kind of Green Line exists between the Prime Minister's Office and the

between the professionals and government the politicians, part of the unending skirmishes every democratic regime has between

the bureaucrats and the political echelon. Under Netanyahu, it ply aren't any. The public has been receptive to the notion of Netanyahu's "outbecomes a test of legitimacy and credibility. This is the first time in Israel's history that there seems to be some

sort of Green Line between the Prime Minister's Office and the other organs of government. The Knesset is clearly out of bounds. Communications Minister Limor Livnat, a junior minister by any standard, answered the no-confidence motions on settlement policy this week on behalf of the govpublic attention.

MORE recently the front has shifted to Netanyahu's personal advisers, two of whom, Dore Gold and David Bar-Illan, hold dual Israeli-American citizenship, as do most American immigrants.

The law requires ministers, members of Knesset and judges to renounce foreign citizenship. There is certainly a case for extending this to close prime ministerial advisers, as well as to others in particularly sensitive posts, in order to provide a visible guar-

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is what it looks like

last four years registered virtually zero growth. Netanyahn's problem with the

other organs of

legislative initiatives. There sim-

sider" status since the crises that accompanied the formation of the new government. The factual basis has not been important.

Thus, a parently incredible story that Netanyahu's US social security file contained damaging evidence, with the hint that he had been an American secret agent, received an amazing degree of

antee of undivided loyalty. However, the problem is disninctly political, not legal.

In an earlier period there were cases in which American officials, negotiating with Israeli government agencies, expressed discomfort at finding American citizens seated across the table from them. representing a foreign govern-

> It will be recalled that Henry Kissinger, as security adviser to President Nixon, was initially reluctant to deal with Middle East problems. Later, as secretary of state, he had no choice in the mat-

There were no significant problems on the American side because of Kissinger being Jewish. In Israel, however, he was heckled by Gush Emunim demon-

strators with the cry of "Jew-boy."
Today Jews staff key positions on the American side in the peace process negotiations. American Jews, including US Ambassador Martin Indyk and special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross, frequently sit on the opposite side of the table from American Israelis.

However, the public perception of a "government of exiles" is not entirely erroneous.

Exiles everywhere develop a distinctive political culture. They are removed from the ground, from the ongoing political reality. They tend to dogmatism and to

Netanyahu, Dore Gold and David Bar-Illan, as well as many of Netanyahu's Englishspeaking supporters, show clear signs of the political culture of exiles. Neither Netanyahu's Reaganite neo-conservatism nor Gold's Kissingerean realpolitik translate readily into Israeli

reality. Bar-Ilian's most publicized venture, the attempt to prevent New York Times correspondent Tom Friedman from addressing the Anti-Defamation League, might fit the Bolshevik thought pattern associated with Israel's founding generation, but it was as "un-Israeli" as it was "un-American."

The writer is a legal and politi-

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A Red Cross worker carries bottles of water into the besieged Japanese ambassador's residence in Lima yesterday. Terrorists of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement staged a spectacular takeover of the residence Tuesday and are holding hundreds of hostages to negotiate the release of members of the movement jailed by President Alberto Fujimori's administration. (Remer)

ima hostage standoff continues

LIMA, Peru (AP) - Held in separate rooms by rebels armed with guns and grenades, a dozen ambassadors and hundreds of other dignitaries spent a third day of captivity in the home of Japan's ambassador yesterday.

A doctor who was allowed inside the compound yesterday in an upscale Lima suburb said the hostages appeared calm and healthy, despite the Tupac Amaru rebels' threat Wednesday to begin executing them one by

The US Embassy set up a special hostage crisis-center manned by FBI agents, and Washington dispatched security agents to advise the embassy on protecting the estimated 10,000 Americans in Peru against any broader guerrilla offensive.

On Tuesday night, rebels entered the compound posing as waiters carrying champagne and food during a birthday party honoring Japanese Emperor Akihito.

But there was still confusion yesterday on exactly how the rebels seized so many people that quickly and how they entered the comsources as saying guerrillas got in by blowing a hole in an inside wall of an adjoining house and scaling a different section of wall from a clinic parking lot.

Channel 2 showed a 1.5-meter-wide hole it said was used to enter the compound. Police were still holding for investigation 14

of the 25 white-jacketed waiters freed by the guerrillas shortly after the takeover. The rebels are demanding the release of 300

iailed comrades, economic reforms, money and safe passage to the Amazonian jungle in east-The Red Cross has gone in and out of the

compound several times. Red Cross doctor Marc Cortal described the situation after a 30minute visit as "very tranquil." He helped deliver water, medicine and sandwiches to the block-long compound where the 23 rebels had divided more than 400 hostages

into groups and guarded them in separate The hostages in turn asked for toothbrushes and fresh clothes and expressed concerns about

Some Peruvian news media quoted police a lack of bathrooms and beds in the residence. which is pockmarked with bullet holes.

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Canadian ambassador Anthony Vincent, who was among five hostages released from captivity Wednesday, also re-entered the residence before dawn yesterday with a Peruvian diplo-

"We transmitted to the government the message of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement," he said when he emerged. He said he was not a negotiator and was merely passing messages between President Alberto Fujimori's government and the rebels.

The Canadian ambassador said he was inside the embassy residence just after midnight and spoke with "Commandante Huertas." It was dark, the hostages were sleeping and "the only sound I heard was of 400 men snoring."

The rebels said unless the government met their demands, they would begin executing their hostages, starting with Peru's foreign minister, Francisco Tudela.

But the deadline was midday Wednesday, and more than 24 hours later there was no sign anyone had been killed.

FBI counterspy arrested for selling secrets to Moscow

charged one of its agents with selling secrets to Moscow for more than \$224,000, arresting him after an undercover investigation aided by a former Russian official and inadvertently almost upset by the agent's wife.

With help from the former Russian official at the United Nations, FBI agents posing as Russian spies began a "false flag". operation in August 1995 aimed at incriminating Earl Edwin Pitts and learning the extent of treachery he might have been guilty of before he became "dormant" in 1992.

Days after the phony Russian agents contacted Pitts, his wife, Mary, then an FBI clerk, turned him in to bureau officials because she suspected he might be spying and she didn't know about the undercover effort. The FBI pretended to accept his explanations for his contact with the Russians and continued the secret operation against him.

Pitts, 43, a 13-year burean veteran. is the second FBI agent ever

charged with spying.
This is the third major Russian spy case since 1994, when CIA guilty to spying that has been blamed for the deaths of 10 Western agents. Former CIA station chief Harold Nicholson pleaded innocent last month to selling the identities of new CIA agents since 1994 for more than \$180,000.

Pitts was arrested Wednesday at the FBI Academy at Quantico, Virginia, where he worked as a

Supervisory agent. But during 1987-89, he was in the FBI New York office assigned to hunt and recruit Soviet KGB officers, and during 1989-1992, he worked on top secret records and personnel security at FBI headquarters in Washington.

Last Friday, the FBI said, he told undercover agents he thought were from the Russian SVRR intelligence service that during 1987-92 I have provided you with everything that I was aware of."
In the affidavit, FBI Agent David

G. Lambert writes that the FBI believes Pitts turned over the "Soviet Administrative List," a secret computerized FBI compila-tion of all Soviet officials in the United States with their known or penalty.

WASHINGTON (AP) - The FBI officer Aldrich Ames pleaded suspected posts in Soviet spy agen-

Pins also is believed to have told be Soviets about "an EDI who reported covertly on Russian intelligence matters," Lamburget

FBI Director Louis J. Freeh told a news conference this man "is still alive." A law enforcement official, requesting anonymity, said the man was a Russian government official serving in the United

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"Nothing was sacred to Pitts." US attorney Helen Fahey said. "He was willing to betray his country, his agency and his fellow agents."

No deaths resulted from Pitts' activities and no nuclear or satellite information was turned over, so he could face at most a life sen-

tence rather than the death penalty if convicted, Fahey said.

At a court hearing in Alexandria, Virginia, Pitts was charged with antempted espionage and conspiracy to commit espionage. He also was charged with a lesser espionage count and with conveying government property, each of which carries a maximum 10-year

Marcello Mastroianni dies at 72

ROME (Reuter) - Actor Marcello Mastroianni, Italy's quintessential Latin Lover and the symbol of the Dolce Vita, died at his home in Paris yesterday, aged 72.

His Italian agent Giovanna Can said Mastroianni passed away yesterday morning and gave no cause of death. Italian media said he had been suffering from cancer of the pancreas.

In some 160 films, starring alongside many of cinema's most beautiful women, Mastroianni became an enduring symbol of suave Latin sex appeal.

He had his first international success in 1960 in director Federico Fellini's La Dolce Vita. whose scene of a young Mastroianni splashing in the Trevi Fountain in Rome with Swedish blonde Anita Ekberg is one of cinema's indelible images.

The city of Rome said it would turn off the water at the fountain, douse the lights and drape the monument in black cloth at 5 p.m. local time as a mark of respect.

The actor went on to star in many of Fellini's other works, as recently as the late director's 1986 film Ginger and Fred, while never losing a reputation for modesty.



Marcello Mastroianni seen in a file photo from 1993. (Renter)

"When I was a kid. I had a chest that looked like a basket and two bird's legs," Mastroianni once said.

"I'm not handsome and I never French radio stations said

Mastroianni's companion, French actress Catherine Deneuve; their daughter Chiara and actor Michel Piccoli were at his side when he died. His daughter Barbara from

Members of the royal family are not supposed to dabble in politics

and government ministers are

unlikely to be impressed by his

criticism of their planned legisla-tion, which itself has been

and it's not going to do now," said

attacked for being too timid.

sent, Can said. "Marcello was the sweetest, nicest, most light hearted actor, a great friend who I will miss a lot." said actress Monica Visi, who starred with Mastroianni in Michelangelo Antonioni's 1961 film The Night and other films.

Italian director Mario
Monicelli, who cast Mastroianni
in his renowned film I Soliti
Ignoti in 1958 Ignoti in 1958, described the actor as "devoid of celebrity affectations and graciously iron-

Italian radio, reporting from Paris, said Mastroianni had died is the the at dawn and that friends, includ- at ing many from the film world, and a conwent to his house in the French capital to pay respects.

The Italian news agency ANSA said his funeral would be held in Rome with a small private ceremony in Paris.

Apart from La Dolce Vita, Mastroianni perhaps will be best remembered for films in which he starred with Sophia Loren such as
Marriage Italian Style, The Priest's Wife; Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, Sunflowers and A Special Day.

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told British students: "If you stay "Quite honestly, I don't see this sort of legislation preventing In 1995 he asked a Scottish driving instructor: "How do you keep handguns getting into the hands of the natives off the booze long criminals. I mean, it didn't before

enough to pass the test?"

described Peking as "ghastly" and

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mother Teresa goes home after heart op CALCUTTA (Reuter) - A smiling Mother Teresa walked out of hospital yesterday, three weeks after her third heart operation in five years, and returned to her religious order, where nuns sang and danced.

The 86-year-old Roman Catholic nun walked unaided out of Calcutta's B.M. Birla Heart Research Center. Smiling with her hands clasped together in the traditional Indian greeting, she bowed to the crowd outside the hospital. Sisters rang the chapel bell as Mother Teresa was carried up two

steps into her Missionaries of Charity order. Nuns crowded around her, applanding, singing and dancing. "It is God's wish," said Sister

India's Rao steps down as Congress chief NEW DELHI (Reuter) - Former Indian prime minister P.V. Narasimha Rao resigned yesterday from his last party post as chief of the Congress party's parliamentary bloc amid a flurry of corruption charges. Rao, who spearheaded India's move away from socialist economic

controls to open markets, led the country from 1991 until last May when the 111-year-old Congress suffered its worst defeat in a general election. He rose to power after the assassination of former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi in May 1991.

Czech PM's party may quit gov't over pensions PRAGUE (Reuter) - Czech Prime Minister Vaclav Klaus said esterday his ruling Civic Democratic Party would end the governing condition if his partners backed opposition plans to lower the pension

age and boost farm subsidies. In a blistering statement aimed not only at the opposition Social Democrats, but also his party's centrist coalition partners, the Christian Democrats, Klaus warned of a potential collapse of Czech post-Communist reforms if the plans were adopted.

Pressure eases on Bundestag speaker

BONN (Reuter) - Germany's embattled parliamentary speaker Rita Suessmuth got preliminary backing yesterday from a probe into alleged misuse of official aircraft as Chancellor Helmut Kohl denied party leaders wanted to dis-

Deputy speaker Hans-Ulrich Klose of the opposition Social Democrats (SPD) issued a statement saying that "an initial review of Mrs Suessmuth's flight schedule has not provided indications of an inappropriate use of official air-

The comment was the first piece of good news this week for Suessmuth, the "Mrs Clean" of German politics, who has been under pressure over allegations she regularly used official aircraft to visit her daughter in Zurich.

Although Suessmuth is a member of Kohl's Christian Democratic Union (CDU), she is not well-liked within the party because of her advocacy of women's issues and what many conservatives see as her moralizing stand on social questions.

Palace apologizes for Prince Philip – again (Reuter)

LONDON Buckingham Palace yesterday said Prince Philip was sorry if he caused offence by criticizing government plans to ban most handguns in the wake of the Dunblane massacre, but it did not withdraw

Philip, 75, the blunt-spoken hus-band of Queen Elizabeth, triggered uproar by comparing guns to cricket bats and dismissing the public outcry after loner Thomas Hamilton killed 16 children in the Scottish town of Dunblane last

"Prince Philip had no intention whatsoever of causing offence or distress to anyone and he is sorry if he has done so," said a Buckingham Palace spokesman, making clear the prince stood by what he had told a BBC radio interviewer.

His comments capped a bad year for the royal family, whose already sullied reputation was further tarnished by Prince Charles's divorce from Princess Diana and the publication of sensational books on the private life of the Duchess of York.

In his interview Philip expressed sympathy for the relatives of the dead children and their teacher but

said the public and government reaction had not been wholly

"If a cricketer, for instance, suddenly decided to go into a school and batter a lot of people to death with a cricket bat, which he could do very easily, I mean are you going to ban cricket bats?" he

Shooters' groups and some ment backed the Duke's comments, but the overwhelming response was one of disbelief and condemnation.

cricket bat? It is not the same as an automatic gun. You have to be realistic," said Beverley Birnie. whose six-year-old son Matthew survived the shootings at Dunblane.



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China's last imperial eunuch dies at BEUING (Reuter) - China's last temple, his biographer Jia Yinghua China's Qing emperors, Jia said. by curators at the former home of

imperial currech has died in Beijing at the age of 93 after a life that spanned the end of a dynasty and a communist revolution that made a mockery of his castration.

as: emperor, died on Tuesday

said yesterday. "He was the last eunuch in

China," Jia said. Sun, who was born on December

29, 1902 near the northern port city Sun Yaoting, who served for of Tianjin, had his genitals sliced seven years in the court of China's away eight years later by a father eager to wield power and influence evening at his home in a Beijing through a son in the court of

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We will gather at the graveside today, Friday, December 20 (10 Tevet), at 2:15 p.m., Eretz Hachaim Cemetery, Beit Shemesh

The Family

In deep sorrow we announce the death of NOMI BRAUER (née Ebel)

The burial will take place in Beit Yitzhak on Friday, December 20, at 1:30 p.m. Gershon Brauer, Shmuel Ebel

Months later revolution swept away the Qing dynasty that had

ruled China for almost three centuries, signaling the end of a system of promotion by emasculation that had supplied Chinese emperors with servants and agents for thousands of years. Sun's remains were laid out in

traditional style at Beijing's Guanghua temple on Wednesday, with a gold cloth across his face, rings on his fingers and in a white silk shroud embroidered with imperial dragon and phoenix motifs, Jin said.

Sun had served China's Emperor Pu Yi during the final years of the last Qing ruler's residence in the Forbidden City after he was stripped of his imperial title in

He was appointed to administer Beijing's temples by the victorious communist revolutionaries after they swept to power in 1949, said Jia, author of The Secrets of The Last Euruch "He was a man of rare intelli-

gence." Jia said, adding that when

Sun revisited the Forbidden City in

1993 after a 70-year absence he

had been able to point out historical

inaccuracies in displays arranged

China's emperors. The cunuch's post-revolution security was shattered in 1966

when late Chairman Mao Zedong triggered 10 years of social ferment by launching the ultra-leftist Cultural Revolution. Sun became an early victim of the radicalism embodied by the

Red Guards, Mao's youthful socialist stormtroopers, who roamed China attacking anything seen as tainted by the feudal past. Sun was sent back to his home village and in the chaos lost his precious genitals, which had been carefully preserved using traditional methods after his emasculation.

"They were thrown away by his family," Jia said. "They were afraid of being implicated if the genitals were found by the Red Guards."

According to Buddhist beliefs, a cunnch had to be buried with his penis to ensure successful reincarnation as a man. "He used to joke about it," Jia said. "He said: "When I die I will

come back as a cat or a dog."

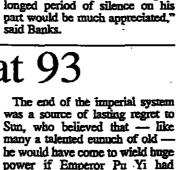
Sun's adopted son and grandson would take his remains to his home village for further ceremonies on Friday before having them cremated in Beijing, Jia said.

Conservative members of parlia-

"How many people can you kill in three and a half minutes with a

"I despair of the Duke of Edinburgh. This man is insensitive, selfish and ham-fisted," said Tony Banks, member of parliament for the opposition Labor

"Once again he has wandered into a highly sensitive area. A prolonged period of silence on his part would be much appreciated,"



That was the regret of his whole life," he said.

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Palestinian state

THE GOVERNMENT'S RECORD

How would you assess Prime Minister Netanyahu's perfor-

I think that the prime minister has achieved some of what he intended to, though certainly not all. He has achieved more in terms of changing attitudes and priorities than in actual, concrete accomplishments. To change attitudes after four years of a very definite direction is not easy. So I think that in that respect, the [raising of] consciousness of security, both here and abroad, is one of his big achievements.

On the economic front, there's been a great deal of achievement, but unfortunately this has been obscured by other issues. There's been a drastic reduction in inflation from 15% for the year to about 9 or 10%. The pledge of the government now, and it seems much more realistic than it would have been six months ago, is to bring inflation to European, to Western standards within three or four years, which would be something we've never done in this country before. I think that the achievements of the government will be much more impressive once it passes the budget through the Knesset, which it will obviously have to do before the end of the year.

What about the government's

Obviously governments make mistakes. That is inevitable. I think new governments make more mistakes. Inexperienced governments make more mistakes. Our American counterparts often try to comfort me when I wring my hands over mistakes that our government makes by saying that it took the Clinton administration two years to get its act together. I don't think we can afford two years, I don't think Israel can afford two years and this government certainly can't afford two years, but I think that we have learned from many mistakes which were mostly those of novices, of inexperience, and that we will, I hope, get our act together before the two years are gone.

Could you give examples of lessons that you think have been

I think there's a tendency to play one's cards too close to one's chest. I feel that much greater openness is in order. For instance, The 'Post's David Makovsky interviews David Bar-Illan

Eye on the government

I don't consider the tunnel opening to have been a mistake intrinsically. I think it was a mistake in which lack of preparation of the public played a much larger role than the actual act.

Do you not regret not consulting with Arafat or the Jordanians

No. I think that consulting is not the right word here. I think that informing the Jordanians, who have this special status which we recognize in Jerusalem, would have been a much wiser way to handle it. And Arafat, too, perhaps should have been informed. I think that had we also publicized it and explained it [more] in advance, it would have probably been more difficult for Arafat to use it as a pretext for the riots, which is what he did.

WAR FEARS, RELATIONS WITH ARAB STATES

What do you say to people who say here was Netanyahu, just elected, but according to a Ma'ariv poll, only 38% of Israeli Jews now trust him, and to those who say there's going to be a war, either with the Syrians or sustained violence with the Palestinians?

Well there are several factors here. One is that within a week after this government came to power there was a big summit meeting of all the Arab states in which obviously a decision was taken to besiege it, to try its mettle, to conduct psychological warfare against it. It is not an easy thing to confront and that is perhaps what has caused the feeling of danger, threats, perhaps even the imminence of war. I don't believe that we are any closer to war than we were six months ago. And again, public perceptions may be affected by many things. I hate to blame the media, but having worked so hard to help give the victory to the Labor Party they now want to justify the original direction. I'm not saying that the media as such are responsible for the mood, and although I'm sure they are doing so in all innocence, they certainly play into this psychological warfare, partly also kes god But the fact is that there is a certain discernible and statistically proven double standard with which the media treat the present government as opposed to the previous one. And I imagine that that contributes also to this feeling of malaise or unease in the public.

Regarding psychological warfare, are you charging that there's a kind of conspiracy among the Arabs to feel that they

bring him down or somehow bring in a unity government? What is the aim of this psychological war?

I don't know if it's a question of bringing him down or forcing him to form a national unity government or just plain forcing him to not live up to his platform, forcing him to be what the previous govemment was, which the Arab states considered a more convenient government for them, rightly or wrongly.

They also expected the old govemment to win. They took it for granted that the Golan, for instance, was gone, that it was to be given up. They took it for grant-ed that a Palestinian state would be established and while they might have had some doubts about how and where and when they would be able to get Jerusalem to become its capital, the rest was taken for granted and now suddenly it was taken away from them. They suddealy felt like children whose lollipop was taken away.

In general, I can't say that they've been unsuccessful, because the mood in the world has changed to a great extent, at least on the surface, and there's been much greater antagonism against Israel which didn't show its ugly face before. But the fact is that on a working level, we don't feel it, even with the Arab states.

Yet, a bunch of Arab states have announced that they are freezing ties with Israel. Tunisia announced just this week.

Yes; they're freezing ties, but at the same time they're signing a postal agreement with us. The words "freezing ties" mean absolutely nothing. The question is are they continuing the daily incremental steps which actually is what peace and normalization consist of. With Jordan, many projects from water to the planning of the airport near Eilat/Akaba and other projects are progressing in the right direction.

What has happened to Netanyahu's promises on privati-



Bar-Illan: Obviously governments make mistakes. That is inevitable. I think new governments make more mistakes (Sant Uziely)

Privatization is slower than it was expected, but it is going for-

Is there a plan? Yes, definitely. Bezeq, El Al are all going to go. It's just that these things are not as easy as Netanyahu expected them to be because it is much easier to privatize small companies overseas than large companies and sometimes it is more advisable to break them up first and then sell them, I mean there are all sorts of complications and I'm not sure that can call it a state minus. What Netanyahu realized how compliit might be.

PALESTINIAN STATEHOOD

Would you rule out that under a Netanyahu tenure there would be a Palestinian state? Netanyahu has mentioned Puerto Rico. It seems that he is less opposed to the notion of a state per se, and more concerned about the capabilities of a state.

It's true. The point is that you can call it anything you want. You can call it autonomy plus or you Netanyahu is talking about is lim-

ited sovereignty too.

I think that when the Labor Party talked about the state they said they wanted it to be demilitarized, but if it isn't, well, there's nothing much we can do about it. While Netanyahu is making it a condition for the existence of an entity - whether you call it a state or not is not really the important thing. The condition is that it can-not have unlimited sovereignty: that it cannot have an army of a quarter of a million people, produce its own nonconventional [or] conventional weapons, make alliances with radical regimes like

Iraq and Iran, control the airspace over Israel, etc. Now, I presume that if you really ask most people they would say that they agree with this. They really don't want a Palestinian state with a quarter of a million people and two million refugees standing outside of Tel Aviv By the way, it sounds perhaps even patronizing to say these things, I

want a state, but I want it to be limited here and there. There is practically not a state today [with] unlimited sovereignty. Today, even the European states have surrendered some aspects of their sovereignty.

Some would say, that if you agree to these terms now, you grant them statehood, but then five years from now they'll want

to change the terms.

Oh, absolutely, that's why the word statebood is not being mentioned. I say limited sovereignty, because it covers the whole gamut of things. Actually the main fault in this thinking is, and I'm giving you a devil's advocate point of view, is that all the limited sovereignties in the world today, and there are quite a few of them, are democracies, and when Austria. for instance, undertakes not to have an army, you know that as a democracy, you can trust what it

There are no police states to my knowledge that have a voluntary limitation on their sovereignty. There will have to be the kind of peace which in advance will have

will make it safe for it to have a limited sovereignty next door to it So what you're saying is let's not get hung up anymore on whether they call it a state or not, let's focus on the capabilities

That's right. And of course, the size and all that and the limita-

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Do you view the Palestinian Authority as a police state?

No, that's not the way I see it that's the way it is. It's the way Amnesty sees it, it's the way everybody else sees it and fortunately that is the way most of the subjects of that state, of that Palestinian entity today see it. In many ways it is a state. [Ariel] Sharon keeps saying they really have a state already. In many ways it is much more of a state than it was envisioned as being in the Oslo agreement, as you know.

They'll probably soon mint their own currency and probably there'll be very little that we can do about it. They already have currency on the stamps. They have a flag, they have an army. They don't even bother calling the army a police anymore, they call it ar army. They have foreign relations This is one of the major violations of the Oslo agreement. They have embassies everywhere.

If they declare a state tomorrow, and I'm sure that they will not do so only because they have control over very little land, I'm sure that the whole world will recognize it. So I don't think that's the point The point is whether we will let that state become the kind of threat that it can be without the preimposed limitations.

How would Israel react if they unilaterally declared statehood? Well, that would be very foolish of them right now, because that would first of all mean that the Oslo agreement is out the window and also it would mean that they can only have a state over the area they now control and that is, as you know, a very small area. This includes all of Area B which obviously ultimately will be included in the Palestinian-controlled area Even that, 27% is not very much even if they declare it over the whole area, it won't mean very much, so I don't think they'll do it

When you said they are in vio lation of 90% of the Oslo accord is there a contradiction between Israel saying on one hand the to grant Israel the kind of veto or are in total violation and sending

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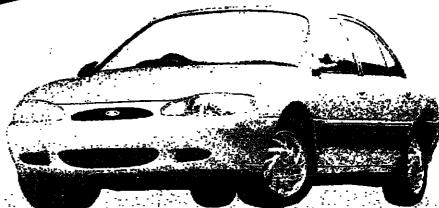
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Ayalon and Netanyahu square off

HEN Menachem Begin was swept into power in 1977, the staffers at the rime Minister's Office were in lock. As Begin was returning om the handover ceremony, he as met with a list of resignations, icluding those from the heads of ie General Security Service and

Begin refused to accept the resmations. "He said they should ontinue in their posts," Yehiel adishai, then head of the Prime finister's Office, recalls. "Begin as the prime minister of the ate, not of a party. Had they not een loyal he would have let them o. Instead, they served the intersts of the nation.

Nearly 20 years later, Binyamin etanyahu entered the prime min-try to meet the heads of the lossad and GSS appointed just ionths earlier by the previous abor-led government. Like egin, whom Netanyahu then verely criticized, the new prime unister did not request their resigations. But unlike 1977, neither SS chief Ami Ayalon nor Mossad and Dan Yatom offered to leave.

That, say supporters of etanyahu, explains much of the arrent tension between the prime unister and the security chiefs he therited. "It's different today," adishai says, "because those ho were from the previous lapai governments thought they ere born to rule and they think at the state is the inheritance of eir grandmothers." In 1977, Kadishai says, party

olitics notwithstanding, an arguent between the prime minister nd the GSS head would never ave been public knowledge. deed, in those days, incoming ikud appointees didn't even now the names of the security uefs. This is in marked contrast the two Knesset investigations the September opening of the 'estern Wall tunnel exit in rusalem's Old City and this eck's charges by opposition parmentarians that Netanyahu lied hen he claimed that Ayalon sup-

orted the decision. Privately, even opposition MKs knowledged that politics cloudany serious attempt to obtain e truth of how the government cided to open the tunnel exit. As ie of them puts it, "Summon all of the participants to a failure to a tribunal and each will explain how he had nothing to do with the deci-

The only thing that members of the two committees - Foreign Affairs and Defense, and Comptroller's - could agree upon was that each participant told the committees something else.

The bottom line was that nobody claimed responsibility for the decision. Ayalon told the Knesset that the GSS had warned since May of an uprising in the territories: Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said his job was not to coordinate with the IDF; the IDF chief of staff and intelligence chief said they weren't involved in the decision to open the tunnel exit. Deputy Prime Minister and Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav said he didn't receive any assessments from the GSS or the IDF.

Opposition parliamentarians such as Meretz MK Yossi Sarid chose to disbelieve government representatives. Ayalon told the committee that he was told of the tunnel decision hours before Yom Kippur, a day before the actual

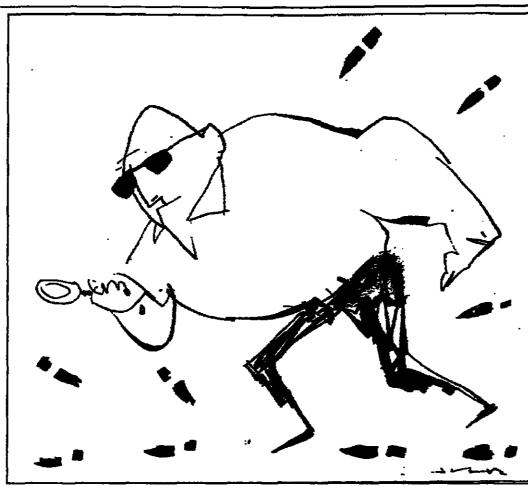
I heard in the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee with my own ears his reservations about the tunnel opening," Sarid says. "I also heard that from the chief of staff. I heard the police version and they also had reservations." Seconds later, however, Sarid

acknowledges that he heard all of these assessments after the Israeli-Palestinian clashes that followed the tunnel opening.

BUT AFTER more than six months of Likud rule, party politics is becoming increasingly marginal in the tense relations between Netanyahu and his security chiefs. Both security sources and those close to the prime minister list several explanations for what they agree is the most embarrassing, and also perhaps most damaging, episode of civil-military feuding since the GSS secretly killed the Palestinian hijackers of Bus 300 in 1984 and then blamed it on an IDF commander named Yitzhak Mordechai, today defense minister.

Firstly they point to inexperience. Simply put, the combination of the security chiefs and their

Last September's clashes are only one point of dispute between the prime minister and the intelligence service. Steve Rodan reports



political bosses is the most inexperienced since the establishment of the state. Netanyahu never held a cabinet post until the June election; Mordechai, the only general to have headed all three field commands, was fresh out of the army; Yatom and Ayaion have virtually no experience in running an intelligence service.

Add to that two more newcomers: an IDF intelligence chief who is an outsider to the corps and appointed only last year; and a new head of the intelligence's research division.

Ayalon, however, is the most problematic. His job is to collect intelligence, analyze it and foil terrorist plots, and to do it quickly. "I don't know Ami Ayalon but I acknowledge that he is missing something in his national security background," says MK Rehavam

Ze'evi, a former senior IDF commander and prime minister's adviser on counterterrorism. Both supporters and critics of Ayalon also say that the former Navy commander is known for being

"Call it two-faced," says a source close to Ayalon who has known him for 20 years. "He can tell different people different

This characteristic, those close to Ayalon say, explains the discrepancy in his account of the tunnel opening. Aides to the prime minister, supported by several senior security sources, recall that Ayalon held two meetings with the prime minister. The sessions were one-on-one.

As Netanyahu puts it, Ayalon-

source close to the prime minister says. "He wanted it done as soon as possible. He said, 'No time is good and no time is bad.' Bibi kept asking him, 'Are you sure that the time is right? He said there will be some shouting but that's all."

The prime minister then called for a formal discussion on September 16, which included Ayalon as well as other security officials. There, Ayalon tempered his original enthusiasm. He said the tunnel should be opened together with Solomon's Stables along with some development in the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

Netanyahu agreed that those conditions appeared fulfilled. The Wakf already was in control of Solomon's Stables on the Temple Mount and Mordechai had what urged him to open the tunnel. was regarded as a successful meet— "That's an understatement," a ing with Palestinian Authority was regarded as a successful meet-

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chief Yasser Arafat.
AIDES TO the prime minister were stunned with what they termed Ayalon's revised version of events in the aftermath of the Palestinian-Israeli clashes in the territories. Ayalon never mentioned his support of the tunnel opening but claimed that he had been warning consistently of a blow-up with the Palestinians.

On Monday, Ayalon tried to set the record straight. In an unusual move, he released a statement that he recommended the opening of the tunnel exit. "I want to clarify several things," Ayalon said. "In several meetings in different periods I raised the issue of the tunnel with the prime minister and encouraged him to open the tunnel. I stressed that the timing is not a central problem."

Sources close to Netanyahu were pleased. But some of them still sound disturbed. "Either Ayalon is extremely forgetful or he's not an honest man," one says. "How can he continue to be GSS chief?"

Ayalon, however, does not want to resign and Netanyahu accepts this. For Ayalon, leaving the GSS after a year in the job would stain his career and further damage an agency already rocked by the resignation of about a dozen senior agents in the last two years. In short, there's nobody in the GSS regarded as being even close to a

The GSS chief doesn't see any other choice to but to stick with the job. "I always worked with him [Netanyahu] and there's no reason why I can't work with him in the future," Ayalon said as he makes his way to a Knesset committee room. "You know, I can sing you a song. 'I have no other land."

Observers also point to Ayalon's poor administration. Netanyahu was stunned by the Palestinian gun battles in September. But senior government sources say he remains uninterested in intelligence issues. He attends the weekly briefings of the security services but, they say, he does not read their intelligence reports. Indeed, the sources say, only

three ministers regularly read the reports - available to most of the cabinet. They are Mordechai, National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon and Science Minister Ze'ev Binyamin Begin. Sometimes, they are joined by Education Minister Zevulun

"The feeling by Netanyahu is he

simply knows better," a source says. The result has been chaotic decision-making in several fields. Diplomats say Netanyahu several times drew a blank when he met

with a delegation from the World Bank. Embarrassed aides later explained that the prime minister had refused a briefing on Israel's economic situation. Earlier this month, Netanyahu's penchant for poorly-prepared deci-

sions led to a near-crisis with both Egypt and the US. After consultations with his aides, the prime minister decided he would not meet with Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Mussa during his visit to Lisbon where he would attend a European security conference.

By the time Netanyahu arrived

in Lisbon, senior government sources say, he had changed his mind. The prime minister met Mussa and suggested he visit Israel to convince the Palestinians to sign an agreement for an IDF redeployment in Hebron. Within hours, Netanyahu real-

ized he made a mistake. US officials were upset that Mussa was coming in to play what appeared to be a mediating role. Instead, government officials say Mussa would not be welcomed in Israel and the foreign minister and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak responded angrily.

Netanyahu then sent his diplo-matic adviser Dore Gold last week to make amends and prepare for an eventual meeting. Egyptian officials say the meeting was a

"It was more than embarrassing," one senior source says. "The episode antagonized everybody and made Bibi into a patsy."

Arab diplomats agree. "There's

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nobody to talk to in this administration," one says. "We thought it would get better but it doesn't."

For their part, Israeli security officials have decided that they don't want to be part of any dispute with the prime minister. As Ayalon was being mobbed by reporters on Monday, IDF Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Shabak smiled in apparent amusement. One reporter turned to Shahak

and asked whether he was satisfied with working with Netanyahu. Shahak wiped the smile off his face.

"There's no such thing as a working relationship," he said. "We are appointed by an elected level. Nothing good can come out of [exploring] this [further]."

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ILL Richardson was a rest-Bless congressman from New Mexico in 1994 when he broadened his horizons,

he is "going to miss going places and making these snatches," when

becoming a globe-trotting, freelance diplomat with a flair for winning the freedom of Americans held captive by renegade regimes. He called those escapades "snatches," and he told reporters

himself the "undersecretary for umbassador to the United Nations. The 49-year-old Richardson will take over from Madeleine Albright, the secretary of statedesignate, at a time when US support for Israel at the UN seems to be wearing thin over the issue of

he moves on to his next job. Richardson, who once called thugs," is set to become America's

The new US ambassador to the UN is a jet-setting human-rights activist with a record of support for Israel. Marilyn Henry reports from New York.

Since US foreign policy is dictated from Washington, the UN envoy toes the government line and Richardson will not be calling the shots on US policy toward Israel. Nonetheless, he will come to the post having traveled frequently to the region and with a record of strong support for

That sentiment was expressed recently when violence erupted in Israel following the opening of the second exit to the Hasmonean tunnel. Richardson counseled against pressuring Israel. "To squeeze right now, to threaten an important ally that is besieged, I think is counterproductive, he said in a television interview. "That doesn't mean that we don't do everything we can to get the peace process

At that time, he also said that PLO leader Yasser Arafat had to

control the Palestinians, and that Egypt and Saudi Arabia "can't keep fanning the flames. They need to find ways to be part of a constructive role in the [peace] process."

While Albright, a Czech refugee, came to the UN with an academic background, Richardson's skills were honed on the hustings.

The energetic Mexican-American politician was famous for flying from Washington to his Washington to Southwestern state virtually every weekend for town meetings and

Richardson served 14 years as a Democratic member of Congress representing northern New Mexico. The state - roughly the size of New York - has a population of 1.5 million, with perhaps 10,000 Jews. He has become acclimated to diversity by serving a congressional district that includes 28 sovereign Indian has been settled there for centuries, the Los Alamos National (Nuclear) Laboratories, the Taos ski area, and the city of Santa Fe, which is noted as a congenial place for artists.

His Jewish constituency is quite small, as the overwhelming majority of Jews live in the Albuquerque area, which is out-side of Richardson's district

THE NEW envoy himself is a model of cultural diversity, the son of a Boston banker father and a mother from Mexico City. He was born in California, spent his youth in Mexico and later moved to

He had been a great baseball pitcher who, at 18, was drafted by the Kansas City A's team. After an elbow injury clipped his baseball career, he studied international relations, then headed to Capitol Hill, where he began his career as a lowly congressional aide.

Since February Richardson has been an itinerant advocate for political prisoners and human rights, traveling to North Korea, Myanmar, Cuba, Bangladesh, Nigeria, Peru, Iraq, Serbia, Nigeria, Sudan and

So impressed was a group of Hispanic-Americans that last year it nominated him for the Nobel Peace Prize.

He met Burmese Nobel laureate Aung San Sun Kyi, then under house arrest; negotiated with the former military leaders of Haiti; and twice tussled with North

In July 1995, Richardson was instrumental in getting Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to free Americans William Barloon and David Daliberti. The two mechanics, who had been working for US defense contractors in Kuwait, had been held captive for four months after wandering across Iraq's southern border while trying to visit friends at a UN observation

A week before President Bill Clinton designated him for the UN position, Richardson and a rebel eader were sitting under a mango tree in Sudan negotiating over the freedom of three Red Cross workers being held hostage there.

Late last month, Richardson negotiated the release of Evan Hunziker, who had been detained for three months in North Korea on espionage charges after illegally cutering the country. (On Wednesday, Hunziker, a 26-yearold missionary, was found dead in Tacoma, Washington, in what officials called a suicide.) In North Korea, in late 1994,

Richardson fell into his diplomatic career. The congressman was en route to North Korea to discuss a nuclear agreement when a US Army belicopter was shot down in North Korea. Pyongyang wanted Richardson to leave. He refused and spent five days in negotiations. between the State Department and the North Koreans, until the release of the pilot and the return of the body of an airman who died in the

Richardson returned to the US from that first diplomatic foray with a taste for adventure, but with high overheads. He had racked up a \$10,000 phone bill.

Overhead will be a primary issue at the UN, which is under

pressure to get its financial house in order and must convince the US to pay its \$1 billion worth of over-

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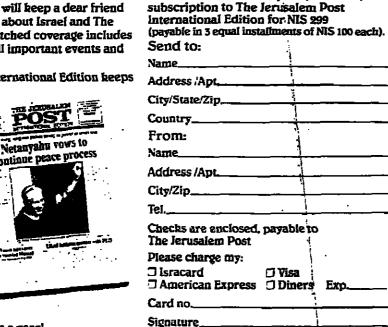
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On behalf of Gush Shalom - the Israeli Peace Bloc - I wish to convey to you our heartfelt appreciation for your courageous and timely initiative.

We call upon you to continue with your efforts to rally world public opinion for peace in our country and region, against all actions which threaten to cause another round of blocdshed and suffering. Unfortunately, the continued settlement activity of our present government is the most explosive element in this situation. We consider your efforts to defuse this Icoming danger as proof of true friendship for Israel and her people. I would like to draw your attention to the fact that it is the American tax-payer who

unwittingly provides the most crucial help to the fanatical settlers and their political allies, by making the financial contributions of their American supporters tax-exempt. Immense sums flow to the settlers from billionaires who live safely in the U.S. but are ready to fight for the glory of Israel to the last Israeli soldier.

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Uri Avnery, Former member of the Knesset, Chairman, Gush Shalom

Zbigniew Brzezinski replied: Dear Mr. Avnery, Thank you for your message and the constructive - even visionary - sentiments expressed in it. They are much appreciated and they give additional hope to those who believe both in Israel and in Arab-Israeli



High anxiety in the territories

Settlers are getting special counseling to deal with the stress they face because of where they live, Herb Keinon reports

TRESS, like water dripping methodically on a rock, erodes a person's psychological makeup. The greater the stress, the more the water hits the rock, and the more the impact on one's mental profile.

Israel is full of stress. The noise, the crowded living conditions, the roads, the specter of terror, the concern for children in the army, the political pressure. No wonder President Ezer Weizman said this week, "Don't think that I sleep well at night." He is not alone.

Move into the territories, said clinical psychologist Ruby Wolbromsky, and the stress barometer soars even higher. Because in most of the settlements the residents are forced to deal not only with the regular, everyday stress of life here, but the additional burdens of insecurity over their future - will their homes be there tomorrow? - and greater concern about personal

"The whole country is a pres-sure cooker," said Wolbromsky, who lives in Efrat and practices in Jerusalem and in Gush Etzion. "But there is an added element in the territories. Nobody hesitates going to Tel Aviv, even though buses blew up there, but none of my cousins have come out to see us in Efrat '

Wolbromsky said he has a number of patients whose complaints about sleeping disorders, minor and major headaches, irritability, low frustration levels, and a feeling that they are more critical of their children, can be attributed to the political and security situa-

How does he know that these conditions are a result of the political climate and not, for instance, an intrusive mother-inlaw? "Because when you start talking to these people, they complain about the political and security situation, and you realize that this is sitting awfully heavy on their minds," he said. "Nothing else in their lives has changed 🛁 they feel secure in their marriage; jobs and economic condition and you realize it is the political

Stress induced by a securityrelated incident was thrust to the forefront in the settlements following the attack that killed Etta and Ephraim Tzur near Beit El last week. Wolbromsky said dozens of people have told him that when they drive the roads in the territories at night "they brace themselves to be shot. I know people who will not allow cars to pass them, for fear there may be terrorists inside. It is not healthy in a psychological sense, nor in a medical sense.

TO MINIMIZE the psychological impact of the Tzur attack on Beit El residents, a team of psychologists, social workers and school counselors was mobilized immediately following news of the incident

Chanoch Yeres, director of psychological services for the Binyamin Regional Council, of which Beit El is a part, said that a top priority following this type of attack is to deal with people who may have faced similar traumas in their lives, and for whom this incident could trigger a debilitating replay.

There is a wave effect that takes place for people who have had similar traumatic events in their lives, especially for children who have had something like this happen to them. After the news goes out of a shooting, they relive what happened to them. They are earmarked for special help," Yeres said.

Another group that was ear-marked last Wednesday night was Ephraim Tzur's sixth-grade class.

That evening, the class met to discuss what had happened. "During the first few moments, there was denial," Yeres said. The children asked simple questions like, 'Does the father have to remarry? What is going to hap-pen at the funeral?' They talked about where they were at the time it happened, how they heard about it, and how well they know the family. They pointed to the desk where Ephraim sat."

What the psychologists try to do. Yeres said, is get the children to share their feelings, talk about their fears. The purpose is not to try and say there is nothing to be afraid of, "but to try and tell them they have every right to be scared, that it is okay to feel hurt, that their feelings are natural."
Rather than telling the students
how to deal with their fears, the psychologists asked the students for suggestions. "Some of them were enlightening," Yeres said.
"Some said they were going to recite Psalms, others that they were going to travel more with

their parents, or in groups."
Talking, says Wolbromsky, is critical because it helps put everything into proportion. When you have a stress element working at you, you need to see it as what it is, or else it keeps working at you," he said.
"Talking helps put everything into context, in the right propor-

Another device that helps put things into proportion, not only for children but also adults, is accurate information about what has happened. This is the reason that almost immediately after the attack on the Tzur family, the Beit El Bet local office printed handbills distributed to the residents with accurate information about the chain of events.

This information, said Zvi Moses, a clinical psychologist who lives in Karnei Shomron, is crucial because people are afraid of the unknown. "Knowing exact-'ly what happened gives you a cersain control over events," he said. "It limits the ability to fantasize about what happened, to think the

DESPITE THE attack on the Tzur family, said Moses, who in 1990 set up an institute in Kedumim designed to deal with stress-related problems, the Jews in the territories in general have felt a degree of psychological relief since the elections. "At least people now don't feel that they are going to be thrown out of their homes," Moses said. He also said people are less concerned about security on the roads - not necessarily because there are more IDF soldiers patrolling, but because of the feeling "that, even with the attack, there is a government in place that cares and who will wage a battle to defend us."

This feeling, he said, was largely absent under the previous government. Moses said that the outpouring of public support for the family from the highest levels of the government - and also including leaders of the opposition has helped everyone in the settlements deal with the attack.

"The message this sends is that people are really not that much against us. The object of the attacks now is Netanyahu, not the settlers, and the feeling in the settlements is that there is a 'father' who cares about us, who womes about us."

Wolbromsky disagrees. He said it is too early to discern the impact of the elections on people's psychological makeup, but that he has noticed a great deal of with Binyamin frustration Netanyahu. "When Netanyahu was elected, people thought he was going to be the savior [for the settlements]. This is wearing off."



'You can't stop living'

Uncertainty over the Golan's future hasn't shaken its residents' resolve, Allison Ofanansky writes

■ OBY Shpiegel planted 20 dunams of apples and nectarines in his orchard on the Golan Heights four years ago. Next year, he plans to plant another grove. "Even if I know I might not be able to pick the fruit from those trees," he says, part of being a farmer is to plant more.

Shpiegel and 35 of his friends from the army moved to the Golan in 1974, after their army service there. "From time to ime, when I walk in my fields, the thought that I may have to give everything up makes me crazy and it stops me from doing some work," he said. "But you can't stop living."

Ilit Eitam, who lives on the

religious moshav Nov, said she doesn't believe she will ever have to leave. "Why do you keep saying my future is mocertain?" she said. "Because Rabin or Peres said something I have to be uncertain and unsure? I'm not." Eitam is building a new workshop for her wood-crafting business

Despite the political debate over the land where they live, residents of the Golan continue to build. The communities, from secular kibbutzim to right-wing, religious moshavim, are growing. According to the Golan Regional Council, 15 of the Golan's 32 Jewish communities have housing available, costing between NIS 140,000 and NIS 190,000

"There's not one house that hasn't been expanded in the last four years," said Hagit Zelcer of Haspin, a religious community near Nov. "We've invested more money in the sports center. We're building a pool."

Behind Haspin's yeshiva, bulldozers scraped out an area where a larger dining hall is being built.

"In Nov. we started to build a campus for girls," Eitam said. "It's only in its second year, so we have only 20 girls, but we're just getting started.'

Eitam talks about future plans for herself and the moshav with the same determination that brought her to the Golan 18 years ago. "In the old Zionist and Jewish way, we were going to make it Paradise. And we are on our way." She even brings up new settlements, a subject most Golan supporters skirt around. We are going to build three new settlements on the western slopes of the Golan Heights. overlooking the Kinneret. Anyone who invests in them will be rich.

Has permission been given to build the new settlements? They will have permission. Just you wait." Devora and Yehuda Geller are

also just getting started with life on the Golan. In 1992 they moved with their seven children

to Haspin from their home in the Negev. Their move was purely ideological. "Sure, we're willing to invest here," Yehuda said. "We built this house at an investment of \$100,000. People are building here whether Rabin said they can or not."

The development in the Golan goes on against a background of accusations from Syria that any new building in the region is a violation of the Oslo agreements and a threat to the entire peace. process. "My friends in Tel Aviv tell me that by living in the Golan I am blocking the peace," said Shpiegel. "We are not stopping the peace. I have a son serving in Lebanon. I can understand that parents don't want to bury their children anymore. But I also worry about what's going to happen to my younger son. I don't want Israel to make a decision we would cry over in two

Eitam agrees. "It's hypocriti-cal to blame us," she said. "You can't make real peace with a gun to your head. So if the Syrians are going to make war, we'll face the war. But I'm sure peace will come. We have time, we are

Farmer Dennis van Meter said development of the region did not suddenly accelerate since the election but has been going on all along. "In fact, the Labor government was always more generous with funds."

Van Meter lives and works on Afik, a secular kibbutz. From a rise just outside his fields. he can look into both Jordan and Syria. On the road between their house and their fields, his wife Marla pointed out an agricultural water-reclamation project built three years ago. A mile down the road is an apple orchard planted around the same

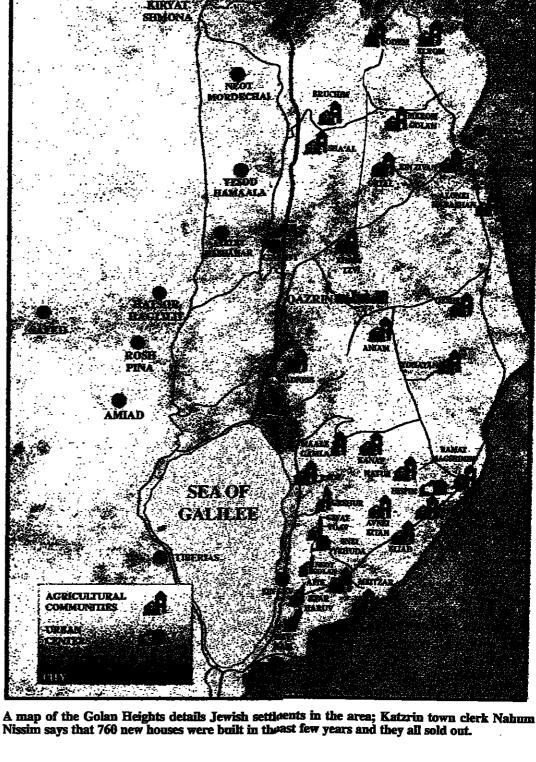
Marla and Dennis are two central organizers of the Golan Residents' Committee, a grassroots group opposed to withdrawal from the Golan. In 1977, Marla hitchhiked to the Golan with her brother, who fought in the Yom Kippur War. Six years later, she and her husband "made aliya right to the Golan." She said they don't even entertain the idea of moving. "Never once, in our most private moment, have we ever said to each other, 'What if?'"

difference since the election, even on her Labor-oriented kibbutz. "Maybe they'd let the outside of their house go a little, or they hadn't built that patio for the bicycles they'd been talking about.

AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES

Marla said she has noticed a When she returned from a visit

to the US this fall, she said, "I was amazed. People were buying plants and painting their houses. There was a change in



Nissim says that 760 new houses were built in theast few years and they all sold out.

For some, fixing up their house may be a political statement. For others, it's just an attempt to live a normal life in the face of uncertainty. "We extended our house last year," said a Katzrin resident affiliated with Derech Leshalom, a group that says they will support the government's decision to withdraw from the Golan if that's deemed necessary for peace with Syria. "We could have built the new room three years ago, but we didn't know if we'd be

delayed. Finally we decided that we can't live our lives like that." The local government for the town of Katzrin also functions like that of any other town, planning new projects and worrying about how to create jobs for a growing population.

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Katzrin is growing by 60 to 100 people every month," said Nahum Nissim, the town clerk. "We built 760 new houses in the past few years and they all sold out. There's not one vacant house." He said planning has been authorized for 96 houses to be added to an existing neighborhood and for a new neighborhood with 35 lots for "build your dream homes.

With NIS 3 million budgeted from the Ministry of Tourism, the town is working on some major projects to attract visitors, such as Katzrin Park, built around the excavation of as ancient synagogue. "We ar going to make a little Talmud village with people in costum acting out the parts," said Sh Parat, the town's spokesman.

The city has a list of proje in the works - a new police tion and town square, a mi-Nissim said Katzrin is prep.'8 for the opening celebration 2 NIS 6 million community n-ter, and it just finished lay

center for senicitizens. Across the stet from the government builds stands a three-story mall, fished two years

The storesad no going-outof-business and the mall looked busi than similar ones in some ci's whose future is not on the gotiating table. "This is it the normal expansion of thiown," Nissim said.

Parat agre: "This is not an ideological tlement. Young people, like, come here looking for quali of life." Thirty-ercent of the city's new sidents immigrated

recentlo Israel, many of them from pformer Soviet Union. Whe Maryna Volvovsky came om Lithuania in 1992.

she eected to live in Haifa or Tel Av. Her move to the Golan was re chance - she had an uncin Katzrin, started ulpan the found work, and stayed.

"If I have to leave here," she says, "I'll go back to Lithuania." Volvovsky has a degree in architecture and already has designs for the home she hopes to build in Katzrin. "I'm here six years already and from the first day I heard only about the

'Golan Situation.' But I don't

feel like I have to move from "This is the Middle East here. No one anywhere can tell what's going to happen tomorrow," said David Alin, a bee-keeper on Moshav Givat Yoav. Alin and his wife have lived on the Golan

"I have friends on a kibbutz up north. When these negotiations started they thought about pruning their trees in a way that gives high yield for a few years, then the trees die. They decided against it. And they're still there, harvesting from those trees."

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lenge for Israel is to continue to

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ation with the US on the one

hand, and sustaining the positive relationship with China on the other. This will require policy

makers to make decisions care-

fully in this area, weighing the

possible benefits of increased

dealings with China against the

dangers and long-term costs with

the Americans. In the past, such

careful balancing was often the

exception rather than the rule

where lucrative arms sales were

During Defense Minister

Yitzhak Mordechai's recent visit

to Washington, he discussed the issue with US Secretary of Defense William Perry, and a

public statement was released

regarding efforts to improve pol-

icy coordination on policies

regarding export of weapons and

technology. Such an arrangement

provides the best hope for insur-

ing the interests of Israel and the

US, while avoiding additional

The friendly diplomatic lan-

guage heard during US Secretary

of State Warren Christopher's

visit to China, and the meeting

between President Clinton and

Chinese President Jiang Zemin in

Manila, masked growing ten-

sions in relations between

The points of conflict include

Chinese trade practices, China's

human rights abuses, and

Beijing's weak policies on

nuclear non-proliferation and

will constitute a major test, and

few analysts and policy makers

China's strained relations with

Taiwan, which erupted only ear-

lier this year, and its conflict with

Japan over a certain number of

Pacific islands, are also sources

of instability in the Asia-Pacific

For its part, China dislikes the

American policy of selling

advanced weapons to Taiwan

and attempts to press China to adopt a more forthcoming human

rights policy, which it sees as

interference in its internal affairs.

As a result of this tension, and

Beijing's growing economic and

military development, a number

of policy makers in Washington

see the possibility of a direct mil-

itary clash with China in the next

15 to 20 years as a real possibili-

In the Pentagon and in US mil-itary academies across the coun-

try, war games often focus on

These scenarios, as well as

China's sale of nuclear and mis-

sile technology to such states as

Pakistan and Iran, has caused the

US to freeze the sale of advanced

weapons and dual-use technolo-

After President Nixon's dra-

matic trip to China in 1972, and

subsequent developments, the

US began to assist the Chinese in

modernizing their military, and

American technologies became

available to Beijing for the first

This flow stopped in 1989,

after the massacre in Tiananmen

Square, and since then American-

Chinese relations have, to under-

state the situation, been strained.

This is where Israel comes into

the picture. During the late 1970s

and through the 1980s, Israel

began to sell military technology

and weapons to China. Indeed,

according to many published but

unconfirmed reports, Israeli

defense industries sold billions

of dollars of technology, tank up-

grades, and other systems to the

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The rising sun in the Holy Land

Japanese participants in a recent dialogue in Jerusalem found Israeli academics and businesspeople stimulating and intelligent. Yosef Goell met with them

ne thing our two countries, Japan and Israel, have in common is that we are not liked by our neighbors." Thus began Professor Makoto Iokibe, law professor at Kobe University, who was casting around for similarities between the two countries with which to start the ball rolling at the Japan-Israel dialogue held last month at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute. He was certainly correct in that parallelism, but way off in anoth-

lokibe, like the other members of the Japanese group, declared how deeply moved they were by their visit to Masada, and hearing the story of its ancient Jewish defenders from their guide. Iokibe went on to compare the nationalist myth of Masada to the Japanese concept of the kamikaze. To the somewhat perplexed Israeli participants the Japanese explained that what had impressed them at Masada was the story of the decision of the Jewish defenders of that desert fortress, against the superior Romans, to commit mass suicide when that fight proved hopeless. Many Japanese soldiers behaved in similar fashion when the American forces closed in on Fortress Japan at the end of World

The kamikaze were the Japanese suicide pilots who dove their bombers onto the decks of American aircraft carriers in the vain hope of stemming the impending American invasion of their homeland. Those modern kamikazes were named after the "divine wind," which sank the gigantic Mongol armada, which in 1281 was set to invade the Japanese Islands across the Straits of Tsuchima

It is hard to imagine two countries, peoples and cultures more different than Israel and Japan which are at the opposite ends of the Asian continent. To begin with, Japan's population stands at 126 million compared with our own, at less than six million; and Japan's sky-high gross national

has just recently qualified her for entry into the list of the world's wealthiest nations.

Once the ice was broken, howver, the Japanese and Israeli paricipants gave up seeking strained smilarities between the two counnies and societies in favor of asking questions and attempting formative answers. Those asswers highlighted how little ven highly educated people, like e dialogue participants, really how about each other's coun-

I WOULD be hard to exaggerate the high level of the members of Japanese delegation. Tas, a columnist for the Nihon Kella Shimbun, was on the fast tract to becoming editor of his paper, Japan's leading finanurnal after which the Nikkei Stock Exchange Index is named. Keikihi Honda, a leading economist and investment adviser, is chairman of the Nihon Sun Microsystems, and prior to that appointment held senior positions at the lank of Tokyo. The others were leding professors of law, political science and international

Prior to the session on regional security, the Japanese had all remarked on their perception of Israel as the strongest military power in the Middle East. As the presentatio by Professor Yoshihide Soeya of Keio University rogressed, however, both sides bigan expounding on their "comparative nightmare sce-narios": Israe's being the entry of nuclearized In and Iraq into the conflict. Socy noted that while the Japanese and developed the sixth largest a ned forces in the world, they intertionally shunned any nuclear role having agreed to dwell under the Imerican nuclear umbrella.

The American-apanese alliance was forged as par of America's global strategy to wage the Cold War against the Soviet Union. It was an alliance of unequals, product per capita towers over Soeya said, but adantageous to Israel's middling standing, which both sides. Now that he Cold War



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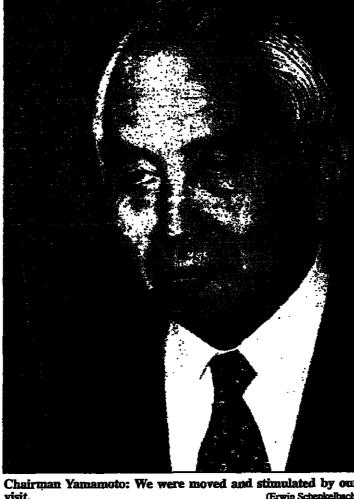
and external aggression. ONE OF the surprises of the ses-

sion was Professor Nehemiah Levtzion, who first asserted that the Arabs did not constitute an existential threat to Israel after 1956 - "the existential threat in the Six Day and the Yom Kippur wars was largely imaginary," said. Having established his credentials as a peace-camp dove, he then went on to claim that even if peace were attained with the Palestinians and the surrounding Arab states, "if the Arab states in the future feel that they have a real option to destroy Israel by war, they would take it.

"I am very much in favor of the peace process, but I believe that the advent of peace will in no way reduce Israel's need to remain militarily strong. I believe, however, that it will not be necessary to retain various territories to ensure that strength," he said, to which some of his dovish Israeli colleagues retorted: "If that analysis is true that means that the peace is very dangerous to Israel."

Hebrew University professor of psychology Amia Lieblich pointed out, for example, that it would be very problematic to maintain popular motivation for continuing to maintain a militarily strong Israel in an atmosphere of peace. Keikichi Honda analyzed some

of the infernal economic and social problems that had put a stop to the Japanese "bubble economy" economic miracle, such as a government and busiacraev which engendered rigidity, a basically frugal Japanese population in the midst of economic prosperity, and an extremely passive Japanese nature "compared with the frenet-



Chairman Yamamoto: We were moved and stimulated by our

tour he was very excited over the possibilities of the development of the Jordan Rift Valley, including the various plans for canals between the Mediterranean and the Dead seas. "Japanese investors are what made possible the financing of the Channel

Tunnel between France and England, the bridge over the Bosporus, and similar major projects in Sumatra. The prospect of such Japanese participation in Israeli projects is exciting, but the obvious condition is that the peace process continues and bears fruit," he said.

"But the way we Japanese oper-ate is to send hundreds of missions to study proposed projects and, only afterwards, mulling interminably over their reports to decide. Our mission could be seen a part of such a process," he said. "The fact that we Jananese have been especially good at doing assembly work has been the basis of much of our economic success," he said, rolling his hands and fiddling his fingers to indicate the source of Japan's eco-

nomic miracle.

The problem is, he added, "that much of that sort of work is being farmed out to other countries and to imported labor. Fewer and fewer Japanese are willing to do tract which guaranteed workers a life-long job and career in return for loyalty to the company, is fast

definitely lower than yours. While

He said that as a result of his we have been good at assembly and the organization of production, we have not shown the same sort of ingennity and flexibility that I found here.'

It was hard for me to tell whether the very definitely noninscrutable Honda meant it, or was merely buttering us up.

Building bridges

end of Asia is not of that great intrinsic importance to Japan, but you are fantastically exciting and intellectually stimulating and menecutary stimulating to us," Tadashi Yamamoto told me in summing up the two day Japan-Israel dialogue at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute.

He has a long history

Yamamoto is currently the Japanese-German Dialogue

"In recent years, there has been a vague admiration for Israel among Japanese intellectuals and business leaders, coupled with a degree of skepticism and a staggering lack of knowledge. There is also a certain empathy for Israel based on a sense of a shared burden of being the victims of atrocities

"But Israel has been an

Yamamoto said that he would be bringing a second such

"By the time we will have brought 20-30 such Japanese

Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, who as head of the Japanese combined fleet masterminded the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. After he was shot down over the Solomon Islands in 1943 he became the outstand-

Gerald Steinberg reports F, as expected, tensions ticularly while the American between Washington and government viewed a stronger China as a means of balancing Soviet power in Asia, but the US Congress was not ready to approve weapons sales approve weapons sales to the

Communist regime in Beijing. However, since 1989, after the Tiananmen Square massacre and the end of the Cold War, this situation has led to some tensions in US-Israel relations.

In the tense years of the Bush-Baker administration, some American government officials, leaked reports of illegal Israeli transfers of US military technology to China (published versions of these reports referred to an

unnamed US ally).

After the 1991 Gulf War, these leaks claimed that Israel had provided the Chinese with the plans for Patriot air-and-missile defense systems.

The US took the unprecedented step of sending a team of Pentagon investigators to gather evidence, and their report cleared Israel, noting that no evidence was found.

More recently, there are reports of tension between Washington and Jerusalem over plans to sell China an Falcon airborne earlywarning aircraft, based on Sanda Straeli-made electronics and a Russian transport aircraft. To date, the Russian government has negotiations have not been received very well in the US. Since the American embargo on the sale of weapons and technology to China, Israel is viewed as the provider of an alternative source, thereby weakening the

Also, the transfer of control of very important potential market Hong Kong from Britain to China, scheduled for July 1997. for military technology during a period of drastic reductions in other markets and crisis in the defense industries.

If the health of firms such as Israel Aircraft Industries, Elbit, TAAS-Israel Industries and Rafael, and the weapons technologies they produce, are vital to Israel's own long-term security, and if agreements and revenues from China help these firms stay in business, then it makes sense for the Ministry of Defense to license and even pro-

FOR DECADES, China did not have diplomatic relations with Israel and supported the radical Arab states.

and China over the past 15 years have led to changes in the Chinese policies, and in the future, as China's power and influence grow, it is important for Israel that the old policies are not restored.

Syria, Iraq, and other Arab states.

The military links with China provide a form of insurance for Israel against this type of policy. If the tensions between the US and China increase in the next few years, the Israeli links to and differing perspectives and interests with respect to China may become a major source of contention in the US-Israel relation-

Israel has no vital national interests at stake in Asia, but does seek to prevent Chinese sales of weapons and technology

nance and strengthening of defense and strategic cooperation with the US is far more vital to

As a result, Israel has a strong interest in avoiding a clash with the Americans over the issue of technology and weapons sales to China.

tion between the US and China, Israel does not want to be seen by the American public as a major sonrce of China's advanced miliaged by the US government, partary technology.

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Yamamoto, who organized

and led the six-person - including one woman - Japanese mission to the dialogue, was the founder, in 1970, of the Japan Center for International Exchange, of which he is still the president.

ating and serving on such international exchange and dialogue groups, and is also an adviser to the Japanese prime minister. He served as Japanese executive director of the Japan-US Economic Relations Group, the US-Japan Advisory Commis-sion and the Korea-Japan 21st Century Committee.

Japanese director of the prestigious Trilateral Commission, the UK-Japan 2000 group, the Forum, and the Korea-Japan

[the Holocaust and Hiroshima].

abstraction even for those Japanese who have such feelings. Nothing beats direct exposure to real live Israelis and to the country itself to make those impressions real. I can't emphasize enough how much the members of the group were moved and stimulated by their visit."

Japanese group to Israel for another dialogue next year. A parallel Israeli group visited Japan for a similar dialogue in 1993, and another such session will be held in Japan next

September. In Israel, the Japan-Israel Dialogue is represented by the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute and its chairman, Professor Nehemiah Levizion of the Hebrew University, who with Yamamoto co-chaired last month's sessions.

intellectual and business leaders for tours and dialogues in Israel, we will have created the critical mass needed to change the landscape of the relations between our two countries," predicted Yamamoto. Yamamoto is the son of

There are many reports that the Chinese Air Force is using technology derived from the Lavi program to modernize its combat aircraft. Former Defense Minister Moshe Arens made a public trip to China in 1989, in which many of these issues were discussed mg Japanese war hero of World War II: Initially, the links between Israel and China were encour-

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The close links between Israel

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to the Arabs.

(Israel also has links with Taiwan, and has carefully avoided choosing sides or being involved in the disputes between Taiwan and China). At the same time, the mainte-

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THIS week I spent two unforeseen days in the city of Djibouti, the capital of the country of the same name. If you've never heard of either, you needn't feel ignorant. Djibouti, the former French Somaliland, is the second smallest state in Africa, and leads the world only in its average summer temperature which is 44 degrees centigrade. "Apart from that," said the captain of the yacht that was putting me ashore, a Dutch shipping magnate with whom I had sailed across the Arabian Sea, "it has a charming old French colonial center.

ear cut off." He turned me over to the care of his local agent, Mr. Abdullah Said, and the two of us headed for shore on a launch that resembled an autique iron, passing the French naval base, a rust-eaten Ukrainian freighter unloading sacks of beet sugar, and a decrepit tng called the Arthur Rimbaud. Some black crows jeered our arrival from trees that still looked in shock from the previous summer.

wouldn't go beyond it, though. A

sailor from a ship of mine did that

a year ago and came back with an

"Do not be worried," said Mr. Abdullah Said as my passport was taken away by a uniformed man with gold epaulets, at a shack called Le Bureau d'Immigration. On the wall hung a photo of President Hassan Gouled, who has ruled the country - sometimes with but mostly without elections

Two days in hell

Very good man," said Mr. Said, handing me the 48-hour shore pass that was my visa.

"Tomorrow morning we go to ticket office, you get plane ticket, you get passport." He seemed to consider this a necessary precaution to keep me from remaining in Djibouti forever. "I come at eightand-a-half," he said, dropping me off at my hotel. It did not take long to explore

the town center, which was patrolled by the local gendarmerie and French military policemen in short pants and tall kepis. It had a paved square called Place de Rimband and a Rue de Paris, a Rue de Rome, a Rue de Moscou, and a Rue de Geneve - all smelling of urine. It had some old buildings that may once have been charming, and some new ones that were not. It had many flies and beggars, a bank, two money changers, a clothing store. boulangerie, numerous shoeshine boys, and a picturepostcard seller, some restaurants with dark interiors, two French bookstores, and a large number of barber shops I would not have

risked an ear in. There was a small marketplace with fruit and vegetable stands and butcher stalls that sold only live goats. It had pretty women in

AGAINST THE GRAIN HILLEL HALKIN

bright dresses and shawls, and skinny men in skirts who carried sticks behind their backs - apparently to improve their posture.

There was not much to do in Djibouti. It had no newspaper and no cinema, although its large mosque was filled to capacity. It had a man with a bathroom scale you could weigh yourself on for a small sum, and a man with a cigarette taped to some cardboard that was yours if you hit it with an air gun. In the evening the off-duty MPs met their Somali girlfriends in the cafes, and the black crows gathered in Place de Rimbaud to jeer in unison until the sun set. Later, came the whores; their badge of trade, the large paper flowers in their hair. At night, like a demented neighbor, the muezzin woke you from your sleep.

ARTHUR RIMBAUD. It was in November 1885 that the world's first beatnik, who declared at 17 his ambition of "becoming a poet and arriving at the unknown by a derangement of all my senses," arrived in Djibouti - then a small French trading outpost on the Gulf of Tadjoura - on a gun-running

expedition to Ethiopia. He remained until June, arguing with the camel drivers about their payment and finally burying the guns in the sand and then departing in 70-degree heat.

"Oh how I loved the desert," he wrote in his Season in Hell, before ever having seen one. "Its scorched meadows, faded shops, and tepid drinks. I shuffled down the stinking alleyways and offered myself with shut eyes to the sun, the god of fire." Djibouti remembers him proudly.

In the morning, Abdullah Said did not show up until nine-and-ahalf, but it hardly mattered because the ticket offices were closed. "I come have lunch with you at one," he said. He arrived at two-and-a-half, as I was finishing dessert. I divided the rest of the day between the two French book-

The next day I obtained a plane ticket and Mr. Said drove me to retrieve my passport. My flight was at ten-and-a-half that evening. "I come take you to the airport at eight, "said Mr. Said. I understood this to mean I

would take a taxi without him. To my surprise, however, he turned up early and accompanied me through customs, where my passport photograph was scrutinized by four different soldiers, fearful I

might be fleeing Djibouti under a false identity. Well, who wouldn't if they could?

"Have you ever been abroad?" I asked Mr. Said as we sat having a last drink at the bar.

"Yes. To Holland, for two months."

"It must have been hard to come back," I said solicitously. Abdullah Said looked at me in surprise. "Oh, no, he said, "I am glad to be here. Very bad place Europe. Very lonely. In Djibouti, if I have food and you have none, you eat mine. If you have food and I have none, I eat yours. In Europe..." He mimed hugging a plate avariciously to his breast. Now I stared at him.

"If you are Somali person, wherever you go, you must be give to eat. If you come to house there be nothing there, you must be give what there is. If you do not give, everyone say I be bad." Mr. Said made a terrible face to demonstrate how bad he would be thought. "What for I make all so money for myself, be big commercial man in Europe way, eh? When Europe man die, there be no one to bury him. In Djibouti all bury me I share my food with, all say I a very good man. Very good country to live in, this."

In the passenger lounge a Saudi prince in a designer abbaya was rocking back and forth over a Koran, like a Hassid.

Djibouti. You get your comeuppance in the damnedest places.

Dry Bones



Kippa-wearing bogeymen

N OLD and bitter observation about the cause of antisemitism - I don't remember whether by a Jew or a non-Jew has it that half of what 16 1/2 centuries ago ceased to be the heathen world and became the "Christian world" hate us for rejecting and allegedly crucifying Jesus, and the other half hate us for producing him and "imposing" him and our/his gloomy monotheistic, moral/ethical doctrine on those who were previously happy-go-lucky pagans.

An equally bitter observation, doubtless of Jewish origin, notes that proletarian antisemitism labels the Jews as "filthy capitalists" controlling the world's banks, railroads and newspapers, squeezing the world's workers and peasants, while capitalist antisemitism labels us as "dirty Reds" bent on seizing everybody's hard-earned wealth.

Then there was our reputation as sniveling cowards, unwilling to lift up a weapon or even raise a fist in defense of the countries in which we lived, or even in defense of our honor, property, and very lives, which has now been replaced by our reputation as Nazi-type brutes.

In certain circles, our "yellow" reputation persisted after World War II, despite the disproportionately large number of Jews serving in the Allied armed forces, and despite their ung record in e forces and h the partisan groups in German-occupied Europe. It persisted to the extent that in 1948, some Arab leaders told their constituents that their war against newborn Israel, that land of cowardly Jew-dogs, would be a walkover comparable to Genghis Khan's conquests. (One of their hymns was "Al Yahud kalabna. Filastin baladna. The Jews are our dogs, Palestine is our land.")

After we repelled the Arab attempts on our life in 1948, and especially in June 1967, our enemies and even some friends and fellow Jews suddenly saw us not as cowards but as Jewish Nazis riding herd on innocent Arabs and threatening world peace. Our victories, as Ephraim Kishon brilliantly pointed out following the 1956 Sinai Campaign and again after the Six Day War, lost us the sympathy of the world.

If we don't raise our fists we're not pacifists but cowards; if we do fight back, especially if we win, we're warmongering brutes.

IN ISRAEL today, that ambivalent attitude of much of the gentile world to Jewish physical MOSHE KOHN

prowess and valor, or lack of it, has been adopted by some left-wing secularist Jews towards the Orthodox.

Physically and mentally fit Orthodox young men and women who do no national service not in either the Israel Defense Forces or other security units, nor in any kind of alternative communal service - on the grounds that Toratam umanutam (Torah study is their sole occupation), or on grounds of piety, have been justly criticized for their failure to be partners in the physical defense and/or building of our land and society.

The epithet "parasite" applies well to some of those people, as it does to those secular youths whose "cosmic" conscience tells them that they are above "parochially" serving their country in any manner, and as it does to members of some of our cooperative enterprises like the Electric Corporation and certain kibbutzim and moshavim.

But now - so it appears to the sick imaginary of when we will face an internecine struggle tion of some left-wingers - there is an over whether the rabbis or the generals shall Orthodox conspiracy to take over the IDF and be the source of authority in the army, and eventually turn Israel into a Prussian or over whether secularism or Torah shall occupy e theocracy. Some Orthodox Jews are even brazen enough to think they can produce prime ministerial candidates.

It seems that there has lately been a "radical" increase in the number of black-hatted, blackkippaed haredi young men asking to be conscripted (Yerushalayim, November 8). Many of them even ask to be assigned to fighting

Moreover, for some time now, there has been a steady increase in the number of knitted-kippaed, national-religious young men, who have always served in the IDF, signing up for stints in the regular army in addition to their conscript service. And a growing number of them are rising in the officers' ranks. They include men who go directly into the IDF at age 18, those who go in the hesder framework of five years of combined yeshiva study and active military service, and those who go into the IDF after a year or two at a yeshiva-type mechina (preparatory school) doing higher Torah studies and undergoing a rigorous regimen of paramilitary training.

(National-religious young women have also always served in the IDF or have done alternative national service.)

The O/C Manpower Branch, Major-General Gideon Shefer, is pleased with this development, saying those knitted-kippaed men are "excellent people" (interviewed by Orit Galili, Ha'aretz, December 9).

But, "the prominence of yeshiva students in the elite units and in the lower officer echelons will in the not-too-distant future lead to a situation where the IDF's command echelon will be composed of men for whom the army is not their sole authority - alongside the army there is the sometimes-contrary authority of the rab-

So writes Lili Galili in an article in Ha' aretz (August 21) discussing the drop in motivation to serve among the youth of the non-religious kibbutzim who were once leaders, accompanied by the rise in motivation among those of the religious kibbutzim, and especially among the veshiva students.

She discussed the matter with reserve majorgeneral Moshe Even-Hen, who headed the IDF's behavioral sciences section. He agreed with her assessment that "the day is not far ace in society.

Danny Wolf, a reserve lieutenant-colonel, one of the founders of the Paratroop Corps, and a former commander of the crack fighting unit Sayeret Shaked and of a reserve Paratroop brigade, has no faith in the ability of the yeshiva students to fight our wars as they need to be fought. Concerning the hesder soldiers, Wolf says the person they "really" take orders from "is their rabbi, not their company comman-

Furthermore, they "will be Khomeinist soldiers... There isn't much of a gap between the motivation of the children Khomeini sent to fight against Iraq and that of the hesder students - both are sure God is on their side." Wolf believes that in electing Binyamin

Netanyahu last May, "the nation democratically chose to move towards a war that will be unlike anything we've had. There will be no victors. Thousands will be killed: Jews and Arabs. And civilians" (Ha'aretz, October 31). "Strike the Jews and save Russia!" said a tsarist-era slogan

"Strike the Orthodox/the right and save Israel!" says our secular/left.

The tears of Joseph

"And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen; and he presented himself unto him, and fell on his neck, and wept on bis neck a good while." (Gen. 46:29)

▼ IVEN the magnitude of Jacob's suffering at the disappearance of his favorite son, first-born of his beloved and long-departed wife, we can easily imagine how moving the reunion between father and son must have been. After all, 22 years had passed during which Jacob's only solace had inexplicably been removed from the face of the earth, probably cruelly torn by a wild beast. And if tears reflect an emotional state beyond words, then a good case could be made that both father and son wept tears of joy for an unexpected and miraculous coming together, and

tears of sorrow for the wasted years. Nevertheless, the text employs the singular verb, thus expressing ambiguity as to precisely which one of the two wept. Rashi cites the Midrash, which tells us that it was Joseph who did the weeping father Jacob was otherwise occupied in reciting: "Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One."

What are our Sages are trying to teach us? With all due respect to the moving words of the Sh'ma (the foundation of Jewish theology), is it not more logical to assume that it was the aged Jacob who wept? Indeed, this is the position of the Ramban. So, what is the message behind Rashi's interpretation?

For a better understanding, we should consider the next verse: "Now I can die." said Israel to Joseph. "I have seen your face and you are still alive" (Gen. 46:30).

Rashi may be alluding to the moment before death, when a person, if his mind is clear, is instructed to make a final confession before God, and to recite the Sh'ma as his last words.

Jacob is not a young man when he

SHABBAT SHALOM SHLOMO RISKIN

is reunited with Joseph - he is 130 years old - but what the Midrash is teaching is that a year earlier, at the age of 129, he was not yet able to say that he could die; he would not have been ready to leave this world.

From a Jewish - and even human existential - perspective death is built into our very being, it is the necessary end of life. The tragedy, however, occurs when a person has left behind significant unfinished

When Jacob is told that Joseph has been killed, his entire world crumbled. The family of Abraham had only just begun its transformation into a nation. Each patriarch had produced and nurtured an heir -Abraham his Isaac, Isaac his Jacob. Jacob had seen in Joseph the

future of God's promise to his forefathers, and it was in this son that he invested his entire being, sharing the secrets that had come down from his parents and grandparents, from the iva of Shem and Eder. As a father, he certainly shuddered when Joseph's bloodstained coat was brought before him; but as the patriarch Israel, his despair was crushing, because the wild beast had destroyed not only a part of himself but the entire future of a nation.

Jacob's life and mission, so full of possibility and meaning as a result of the jewel he was given with the birth of Joseph, was now torn apart. And to make matters worse, Jacob's sleepless nights were torqued with the feeling that it was he himself who had sent his son on the farefully tragic mission of looking after his brothers' welfare.

Then behold! A famine brings the brothers to Egypt, Benjamin is sought out by the grand vizier, and the grand vizier reveals himself as Joseph. Joseph is alive, and Jacob

He can die, because his spiritual heir is alive. He can die, because the painstakingly nurtured is not lost. Jacob can now die in peace, and so he recites the Sh'ma.

There is also a second reason why Jacob is ready to die, and why he recites the Sh'ma. The miracle of Joseph's resurrection, from the reality of a blood-stained coat of many colors to the fine linen cloak of the grand vizier of Egypt, resonates with the words of the Divine promise to Jacob at Beit-El Luz: "And God Almighty shall bless you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you that you may be an assembly of nations" (Gen. 28:4).

How often must Jacob have thought of that promise with irony? After all, his other sons were constantly fighting with each other. If I cannot unite my own family, he must have thought, how can I become the instrument for an assembly of

But when Jacob sees with his own eyes what Joseph has achieved how he has united his brothers, forging a family committed to unity and harmony, Jacob is awe-struck by the double miracle. This is the realization of Joseph's first dream of the united sheaves, the first part of the messianic dream. But in addition, he is not blind to what Joseph has wrought in Egypt, the greatest empire of the world. The second dream, in which the world, the cosmos, unites under Joseph, has also been realized. How far is this from the ultimate promise of an assembly of nations who recognize the true Creator – the fulfillment of the messignic ideal!

Realizing this, Jacob is ready to die. His life is complete; he has pro-duced an heir who has demonstrated the ability to realize the two sides of the messianic vision: Unity within Israel and unity of the world under God. What more appropriate words than those of the Sh'ma: "Hear O Israel, the Lord who is now our God will some day be recognized as the one God of the entire world."

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his week's "thank you" goes to the 75 members of the three choirs: The Ramatayim Men's Choir, Pirhei Efrat Boys' Choir, and The Zamir Chorale, who gave such pleasure to a packed audience at the Israel Museum last week, in celebration of Hanukka, and as a contribution to The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund. Organized by Richard Shavei-Tzion, the second annual evening of "A Gift of Music for Hanukka" contributed over NIS 3,500 to our Toy Fund, and has helped us put

of many needy youngsters. The idea of groups putting on worthwhile events and at the same time raising money for our three funds is more than welcome.

more wonderful toys into the arms

So thank you to ESRA Sharon Social Club who raised money for the Forsake Me Not Fund through an auction at their annual Hanukka party, and to the British Olim Society (Sharon Region) who sent us NIS 2,000, following a very successful Yom Kef. These ideas can be taken up by all and sundry: bridge, Scrabble and chess clubs, women's groups,

youth groups, etc. Our 1996 campaign closes in 10 days' time. Don't tell me that you're reading this column and have not yet sent in your donation for this year! Well? Help us give our totals that final boost, send your checks today to: The Jerusalem Post Funds, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

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TIMING IS everything. The warn-

ing by Egyptian ambassador

Mohammed Bassiouny that he

might be recalled if the peace

process remains stalled came on

the day Zvi Mazel, Israel's new

AS A public relations executive,

Jerusalemite Jill Marie Reinach

is no stranger to celebrities. But if

she thought she was getting off the

celebrity circuit when she went

back to Miami to visit with family

and friends, she was mistaken. Her

mother, Judy Reinach, who is a

mover and shaker with the Women's Emergency Network,

had been delegated to pick up Olivia Goldsmith, best-selling

author of The First Wives' Club,

for a gala benefit at which

Goldsmith was the star attraction.

Later, all three went out to dinner

at Miami's Giacosta Restaurant,

where Goldsmith divulged that

she was returning to Los Angeles

to complete the screenplay for Marrying Mom, soon to be released by Paramount. The First

Wives' Club has become a smash-

hit movie in the US and is about to

be shown in Israel. Goldsmith was

very interested in how it would be

received here and asked Reinach

to send her the local reviews.

envoy to Egypt, left for Cairo.

that's another story."

Getting an angle on a flash in the pan

GREER FAY CASHMAN

LTHOUGH he has plenty of political fish to fry, US ambassador Martin Indyk is almost as interested in the finned and scaled variety - especially at mealtimes. When Jewish National Fund chairman Moshe Rivlin in the course of a tour of the Negev took him to Kibbutz Mashabei Sadeh and presented him with a St. Peter's fish bred in the Negev, Indyk, no slouch, went angling for

ONE OF Indyk's predecessors in office, Thomas Pickering, was instrumental in resolving the thorny issue of the Jewish Agency's accreditation in Russia, where he currently serves as US ambassador. Jewish Agency chairman Avraham Burg has received a letter pointing out that "special recognition should go to Ambassador Pickering." The sig-natory is a gentleman by the name of Bill Clinton.

another and proved to Rivlin that

the true art of diplomacy is being a

good fisherman. Needless to say.

the fish ended up on Rivlin and

Indyk's lunch plates.

GUESTS ATTENDING the impressive product presentation news conference and brunch to celebrate the union between Israel's Mula Center and the famous Japanese Shiseido cosmetics conglomerate, chorused "kanpai" rather than "lehaim" as they downed their sake. For ex-kibbutznik turned fashion photographer, turned image builder Mula Eshet, who chairs the board of Mula Center and Shiseido Israel, the event, though almost over-

whelming, did not rob him of his instinct to capture it for posterity. Seated with his family on one side of the Shiseido Lounge in Tel Aviv, Eshet, despite the presence of many press photographers, clicked away with a miniature camera while on the other side of the lounge Katsumi Takemori, executive director of Shiseido's International Business Department, also caught the moment through the lens of his miniature camera.

Pony-tailed Zviki Eshet, who like his father was a photographer before he became a business manager, recalled that only 10 years ago, when Mula Center was first launched, they used to go to the Tel Aviv central bus station to buy cheap cosmetics in bulk that they transferred to small plastic containers. "Now, we're the agents for the largest cosmetics company in Japan and the fourth largest in the world."

ATTENDING A luncheon hosted in her honor by Naracsy Kroll, wife of the Austrian amhassador. was Reuma Weizman, who was serenaded with Austrian and Bavarian Christmas carols by members of the Vienna State Opera. Weizman was charmed, but not nearly as much as fellow guest Renata Wallau, the wife of the German ambassador, for whom the music struck a note of nostalgia. In expressing her appreciation

for Kroll's hospitality, Weizman noted that for many years, Herzliya Pituah had been her second home. In 1940, when Herzliya was just sand, her parents purchased a small plot in what is now Herzliya Pituah to escape the scorching Jerusalem summers for a breath of sea air. Their friends mocked them for buying a piece of sand, Weizman recalled, little real-

THIS KIND OF THING

USBALLY HAPPENED FAR

from Here - in Iran,

IRAQ AND SYRU, - BUT

IT WAS VERY DISTURBALL



Inn Crowne Plaza wondered about later was his elixir of youth. Geller, who turns 50 next week, bears no signs of wear and tear. His face and neck are firm and unlined and his body slim and agile. After completing his army service nearly 30 years ago, he worked briefly as a model, and from the look of him, he could easily fit into that line of work again should the fancy take him.

HOW CAN it help but be a beautiful baby considering who its parents are? Local super model Yael Abecassis and her husband, model and actor Lior Miller, have joined the ranks of expectant parents. The supremely happy Abecassis is

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RAMALLAH AND MABLUS

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Luck's favorites, professional gambler Ezra Tissona is willing to share his good fortune with fellow Israelis and has produced a video cassette on how to win at blackiack. His tips may be a little late for would-be gamblers planning a vacation in Turkey. According to reports, Turkey's present regime is to close down all casinos. It will be interesting to see what effect that has on tourism. Meanwhile, there are legalized blackjack tables closer

FEATURES

Yitzhak Shamir, interviewed on Israel Radio about the membership

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AND JERUSALEM ...

JOINING THE ranks of film folk yet to be announced.

Madonna. First there was mother-

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THE WEEK THAT WAS MICHAL YUDELMAN

special edition of Channel 2's Uvda ("Fact") was Adevoted to assessing the performance of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu after six months in office. It turned out to

be a scathing judgment.

Not one of the heavyweight journalists in the studio, including Dan Margalit, Razi Barkai, Immanuel Rosen and Ze'ev Schiff, seemed able to find a single positive aspect of the new leader.

Health Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, who tried valiantly to defend Netanyahu, could shed no new light on the enigma - as the panelists called Netanyahu - nor could he decimber his direction or policy. The debate inevitably plunged

into the malfunctions of the week The crisis of credibility between the prime minister and the head of the General Security Service - and which of them was telling the truth, the announced strengthening of the settlements, the rift with the Arab neighbors, Bill Clinton, Europe and the world, and the

ongoing saga of Hebron. The Labor leadership also mark ed the occasion with a news conference to summarize the malfunctioning of the government.

All that talk about "crawling towards a national unity government" and "defeatism" was buried as a Labor leader full of fire and verve led the tirade against Netanyahu. Shimon Peres, MKs Haim Ramon and Ephraim Sneh, Professor Shlomo Ben-Ami and Nissim Zvilli declared an offensive to influence the Knesset and public opinion, with the aim of

numbering the government's days. Peres was the first to admit that verbal assaults and criticism, or even getting people on the streets, would not be enough to topple the government. The meeting did, however, produce some catchy slogans, displaying a creative talent among Labor MKs sadly lacking in their election campaign.

Sneh said "instead of a secure peace, Netanyahu is securing failure." Ramon called Netanyahu a "security hazard," while Ben-Ami called Netanyahu "a ticking time bomb heading for disaster." MK Uzi Baram demonstrated more flair in the Knesset the following day: "Netanyahu is a traffic accident on the road to peace."

BIBI BLUES The Likud does not like all this talk of doom and gloom.

Like their prime minister, who continues to sell a rosy vision of and of Israel as one of the richest countries in the world, Likud leaders take up the complacent theme. When challenged with facts, they bemoan the "terrible legacy" left

by the previous government.

Perhaps they should look at the monthly "national mood" survey broadcast last week on Israel Radio's Inyan Aher ("Another Matter") before assuming it's all a Labor-and-media conspiracy. No less than 67.7 percent of those surveyed said they fear for the future of the country, 40.6 percent are worried by the security situation and the state of foreign relations.

The survey, conducted by Shvakim Panorama's director Yossi Vadana, indicated that 52 percent of the public believe the

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Women in Green, and hear their opposing views and

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to the Knesset, to meet MK Haim Ramon of the

Labor Party, a possible future prime minister, and

MK Michael Kleiner, a leading member of the

government coalition. There will be time for

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

state is headed in the wrong direction, 32 percent don't believe the government "very much" and 28.9

are country is riddled with ethnic discrimination and social division. The number of people thinking of leaving increased to 14.9 percent from 7.3 the present from 7.3 the prese leaving increased to 14.9 percent from 7.3 the previous month. That adds up to 750,000 people.

NANNYGATE II

Netanyahu's family keeps popping up with monotonous regularity, on television or in the Knesset. This week, the new Dutch namey hired by the Prime Minister's
Office for the kiddos featured in the widely televised "camel vacation" in Mitzpe Ramon last weekend, and ended up in the House.

Eyebrows are raised at the Netanyahu's penchant for hiring foreign nannies with no Hebrew. It prompted MK Naomi Chazan, of Meretz, to put down a parliamentary question to the prime minister about his household employing a non-resident maid.

Had she a valid work permit at the time she was hired by the prime minister? Since the Prime Minister's Office is paying her wages, couldn't it find an Israeli maid or namy worthy of the post? In other words, since unemployment is rising and since taxpayers are paying for it, could the prime minister not find throughout the land of Israel a nice Jewish girl to do the job?

"And how will the prime minister's children get guidance in their prayers like 'Master of the Universe' ("Adon Olam"), when they spend most of their time with Christian nanny?" queried

THE FAT AND THE LEAN As the cabinet is agonizing over the budget cuts - should we cut child allocations or only medical services, or perhaps just raise some taxes and be done with it - a cheery lift for the national mood has emerged.

The residents of development towns and fired textile workers, for instance, will be pleased to learn that while they groan under minimum wages or unemploy-ment pay, state allocations for haredi "conversion" institutes have increased in the past six months by 28 percent to NIS 50 million. "This is shocking," exclaimed Labor MK Ophir Pines. "It appears each one of us is naving to finance our children's con-

version.' The Religious Affairs Ministry budget alone came to NIS 1.2 billion this year and will rise to NIS 1.4 billion next year, but the allocations for religious institutions from all the ministries come to NIS 5.25 billion.

Then there are the NIS 900 million allocated for the settlements in the territories, and another half a billion shekels a year for priority development regions.

Even the Knesset's own budget will be 28 percent (NIS 14.5 million) higher than the Treasury's budget proposal, due chiefly to Knesset members raising their own salaries by 33 percent and adding other generous benefits.

percent don't believe it at all. Some 62.1 percent are afraid of ar breaking out, and 50.7 percent ut a national unity exception. some 62.1 percent are afraid of war breaking out, and 50.7 percent want a national unity government. A colossal 70.6 percent believe the country is riddled with ethnic discrimination and social division.

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questions, of course.

The date:

Ambassador Indyk and Moshe Rivlin examine the catch. izing what Herzliya would KNOWN TO be one of Lady NEVER MIND his special powers, some of which he suspects he received from distant relative Sigmund Freud, what several of the women attending a press conference given by paranormalist Uri Geller at Jerusalem's Holiday

to home in Taba and in Cairo. FORMER PRIME minister

in Lehi of Yusuf Abu Ghosh, said that it had been easy for Abu Ghosh (whose most lasting claim to fame was spiriting Geula Cohen from the clutches of the British authorities) to align himself with Lehi, because both Arabs and Jews were interested at the time in getting the British out of the country. Asked whether Abu Ghosh also had a hand in the assassination of Count

who've invested in gastronomy is British actor Michael Caine, who opted for the popular Miami art-deco venue of South Beach for his eatery, which will be known as the South Beach Brasserie. The opening date has by DOSH IT'S BEEN a great year for

hood, then the premiere of Evita and now speculation she has a good shot at an Oscar for her per-

AFTER A long absence, Debbie Reynolds - who was once married to Eddie Fisher who dumped her for Elizabeth Taylor - is returning to the set.

Reynolds, 63, has been managing a casino hotel in Los Angeles. But in her case, the odds seem to have been stacked against the house which made Reynolds decide that money-wise, the movies might just be a better

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

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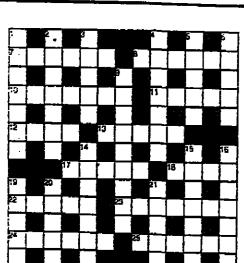
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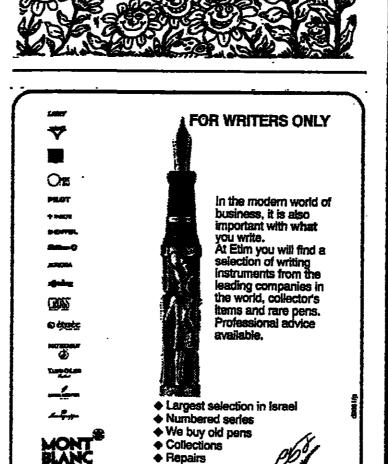
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Having advertised the tender a week ago, the deadline expired

"We have decided to push the deadline forward 10 days," PA Communications Ministry undersecretary Zuher Al-Laham said yesterday. We had complaints from a number of inacrested companies that a week was too little notice."

Palestine Telecommunications Company (Paltel), which last month signed a pact with the PA making it the sole supplier of telecom services in the territories, reported a large demand for the tender brochure. "This is one of our main projects." said company engineer Mutasam Anilli. "I can't say how many companies have expressed interest, but it

has into double figures."
The final tender, which must be unitted by February, calls for the provision of the telephone network design, and a quotation for the provi-

sion of the necessary equipment. Additionally, there will be room to negotiate the possible purchase of

shares in the operating company.

The network will be implemented in several phases over 18 months. The first area to be included in the network, six months after the tender is awarded, will be Gaza and a limited area of the West Bank, followed by all the West Bank cities.

Paltel is also preparing the ground work for the extension of land-based telephone lines in the territories. "Currently there is a large shortage of lines," said Atilli. "We will soon be issuing a tender to extend our services." This follows an agreement with the PA to increase the number of lines within the next few years.

Paltel hopes to have 250,000 customers within three years. "In the long term the company will strive to create an entirely independent public communications network," company director-general Mohammed ustafa said recently.

The company has also agreed to supply data and satellite communications, luternet facilities and public pay phones throughout the territories.

Sheves denies bribery allegations

Prime Minister's Office under Yitzhak Rabin, yesterday denied bribery allegations.

"I have never been engaged in the energy field, neither in my former position as director-general of the Prime Minister's Office nor at any other time," Sheves said, in response to reports that the Securities Authority is investigating allegations that he received benefits from publicly traded com-panies in return for helping them win concessions in the energy

Sheves headed the Prime Minister's Office from Rabin's assumption of office in 1992 until his abrupt resignation shortly before Rabin's killing.

The investigation, which is reportedly in the preliminary stage, is based on documents and information from 1994. Investigators are looking into suspicions that Sheves received inside information from Avi Dotan, managing director of Petroleum and Energy.

According to Ha'aretz, Sheves and Dotan have already been questioned by the Securities Authority . A Securities Authority spokesman refused to confirm or deny the report.

A source close to the Securities Anthority told The Jerusalem Post have never been involved in share

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that other politicians are suspected of accepting benefits while serving as civil servants in the previous government.

The Securities Authority, which serves as the financial market's legal watchdog, has, among others, the authority to conduct investigations on insider trading and benefits received in connection with securities traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

The Securities Law defines

inside information as data on developments in a company, whether currently under way or expected to occur in the future, or any other information on a company which is not known to the public and which is likely to lead to a significant change in a share's

The Authority reportedly suspects Sheves helped boost the stock value of several companies traded on the exchange by helping them get contracts in the energy field. As a result, the company's major shareholders reaped big profits while Sheves allegedly

received a "benefit." "This is a false charge. I have never engaged in these things, I have never manipulated shares, I never had inside information and

dealings. The whole thing is absurd, ridiculous and sad," said

Published reports claim the Authority suspects inside information on petroleum transactions and drills was transferred to and from Sheves's office and the stateowned Petroleum and Energy. The information was passed on to public companies which buy from the company refined oil products and use its services while pumping and storing crude.

Petroleum and Energy provides infrastructure services for the import, export, shipment and storage of crude oil and refined energy products. The company, which plays a major role in the energy sector, owns several crude storage and refinement terminals.

Avi Dotan had previously served in a number of high-ranking police positions, including head of operations headquarters at the Ministry of Police and head of the Police's Intelligence Branch.

Asked to comment on his relationship with Dotan, Sheves said: We have been friends for many years but were not in contact in the framework of my previous posi-

Dotan also denied yesterday the allegations. "We are talking about a false, malicious and evil

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Bank Hapoalim announces Internet site: Bank Hapoalim has established a website that can be accessed at www.bankhapoalim.co.il. Visitors can receive information about the bank, service information for tourists and residents of Israel and data about the Israeli economy.

BIRD to invest \$11m. in 16 new projects: The Israel-US Binational Research and Development Foundation recently approved an \$11 million investment as its 50% cost-share in 16 new projects between US and Israeli high-tech companies. The projects are in all areas of technology but communications accounts for 30% and medical for 20%. The American partners include Siemens Medical, Packard Bell and SmithKline Beecham, In 1996 BIRD invested \$21m. in 39 projects. Projects previously approved by the foundation yielded \$338m. in direct sales in 1996.

EDS-Unigraphics to market virtual reality program: EDS-Unigraphics will market a program developed by Division that allows programmers to create 2D and 3D virtual reality graphics within seconds.

Geotek and Hyundai Electronics announce deal: Geotek Technologies, Inc., the equipment arm of Geotek Communications, Inc., (Nasdaq: GOTK) has announced that it has finalized an agreement with Hyundai Electronics Industries Co., Ltd. to assist in the manufacture and supply of FHMA-related equipment to the Korean market. Under the terms of the agreement, Hyundai will incorporate Geotek's technology in its mobile terminal equipment. Geotek, which has operations in Israel, develops telecommunications products and wireless communications systems based on digital technology.

LOGAL launches products on new network: LOGAL Educational Software & Systems Ltd. (Nasdaq: LOGLF) recently announced that it will start operating a subscription service for its new educational network on January 15. By logging into www.logal.net, students will be able to access the company's simulation-based science and mathematics software products.

Net-Scene releases virtual seminar software: Net-Scene of Herzliya has announced the release of its virtual seminar Intranet software especially designed to help drivers improve their behavior on the road. Geared for companies that employ many drivers, such as bus and trucking companies, the technology provides employers with a way to educate their staff. Net-Scene's product line can be viewed on the Internet at www.net-scene.com. Net-Scene recently reported that it raised \$3m. in a private placement from undisclosed

RADVision develops suite of communication products: RADVision has announced the development of a full range of H.323 products that will enable videoconferencing vendors and system integrators to adopt and offer videoconferencing solutions to users. RADVision (www.radvision.com), a member of the Tel Aviv-based RAD Group, develops and markets internetworking solutions for videoconferencing.

SanDisk opens design center in Israel. SanDisk Corporation (Nasdag: SNDK), the world's leading supplier of flash data storage products, has announced that it will establish a darign center in which will be staffed by six design engineers, will utilize SanDisk flash semiconductor technology to design flash storage cards.

Analysts: Peru crisis will affect foreign investment IN THE BANK

LONDON (Reuter) - Foreign Peruvian investments. "This is a came under fresh pressure early in investors, still reeling from news of setback for Peru generally because London.

Negotiations were continuing yesterday for the release of some 484 people held prisoner by heavily armed guerrillas who stormed a reception at the Japanese envoy's residence in Lima, demanding the release of imprisoned comrades.

Yesterday foreign investors were assessing the damage wrought across Pern's debt and equity markets and bracing themselves for

more pain.
"It's like a slap in the face," said
Ondine Similders, Latin American strategist at HSBC James Capel. Investors have been bearish on Peru for the last two months and this certainly will not help."

One Latin American fund manager at a major asset management firm here said the crisis was already hurting investor perceptions of

THE slump in tourism, which has

beset the country for most of this

year, is expected to continue

through the first quarter of 1997,

according to Avi Rosental, direc-

Rosental reckons the first signs of

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the ongoing hostage stand-off in it increases uncertainty over Lima, say the events mark an whether Peru is going to degenerate increase in Peruvian risk and expect into terrorist, activity once again," over Peru in the minds of interna-

> tional investors." The Peruvian stock market plunged more than 4 percent on Wednesday, while stocks listed abroad in the form of American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) took a heavy beating.

Investors unaccustomed to Latin American volatility and who bought Telefonica del Peru shares after its 1994 privatization, on Wednesday bailed out of its ADRs which lost 6.5% amid shock over the embassy

The news also put pressure on Peru's Luz del Sur after the government's sale this month of its 30% stake. Pernvian debt prices too took a body blow. Its rescheduled "Brady" bonds phunmeted up to two points in New York trading and

Hotels expect tourism slump to persist

The fund manager said she would

not be a buyer of Peruvian stocks even at their current low levels, little relief for markets seared by the she said. "It seriously increases the though some investors may be

Smulders said that while she was overweight on Peru she would not change her recommended weightings in a Latin American portfolio on the back of the current events, though she might consider a buy recommendation over the next few

The Latin American fund manager said how President Alberto Fujimoci handled the crisis would be crucial for his standing both at home and abroad. "It depends very much on how he deals with it." she said. "I don't think he can afford to be soft that would signal a return to the bad old days and to the specter of terrorism." Such a scenario would deter foreign direct investment and erode corporate profits due to increased spending on security.

CSX raises bid for Conrail by \$870m. stock for each Courail share.

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Conrail Inc. and CSX Corp. raised the stakes yes-terday in the bidding war for Courail, amending their \$8.5 billion merger agreement to provide Conrail shareholders with another \$870 million.

The new agreement would give Conrail shareholders another \$16 per share, payable in CSX convert-ible preferred shares, as part of the stock portion of the cash and stock transaction.

CSX and Conrail are battling with Norfolk Southern Cosp., which has bid \$10b., or \$110 per share in cash,

for Conrail. An industry analyst estimated the value of the new CSX-Conrail deal

at \$104 per share, or \$9.5b. Norfolk Southern Corp. said after the amended deal was announced that it remained determined to acquire Conrail, was studying its options and would respond yester-

day or today. Conrail has rejected Norfolk Southern's offer, contending that a transaction with CSX is a better fit. Other aspects of the Contail-CSX

agreement are unchanged. They include \$110 per share for 40 percent of the outstanding Conrail shares and 1.85619 shares of CSX common

The proposed merger of Conrail and CSX, first announced on October 15, would create a giant that would dominate the railfreight industry on the East Coast.

In early trading on the New York Stock Exchange, Conrail shares traded at \$100.375, up \$1.375, and CSX traded at \$44.down \$1.25. Norfolk Southern traded at \$86.375, down 12.5 cents, also on the NYSE.

CSX and Conrail also established a voting trust to permit payment to Conrail shareholders by 1997. The companies said a Conrail shareholder meeting slated for December 23 would be rescheduled for January 17 and the CSX tender offer would be extended to January 22.

The revised pact prohibits Courail and CSX from entering into an agreement with a third party until December 31, 1998. The previous transaction set a July 1997 date. "In every respect this merger holds great potential and clearly offers the best result for Conrail. This amendment to the merger agreement reaffirms the decision of the Conrail board that it is not willing to agree to the sale of Conrail to Norfolk Southern," Cornail chairman David LeVan said in a statement.

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by foreign tourists, 32% less than during November 1995. The drop was felt throughout the country with the greatest decrease in kibbutz guest houses, which had 39% fewer tourist guest-nights. Jerusalem had a 31% fall in occupancy by foreign tourists. The overall decrease in foreign

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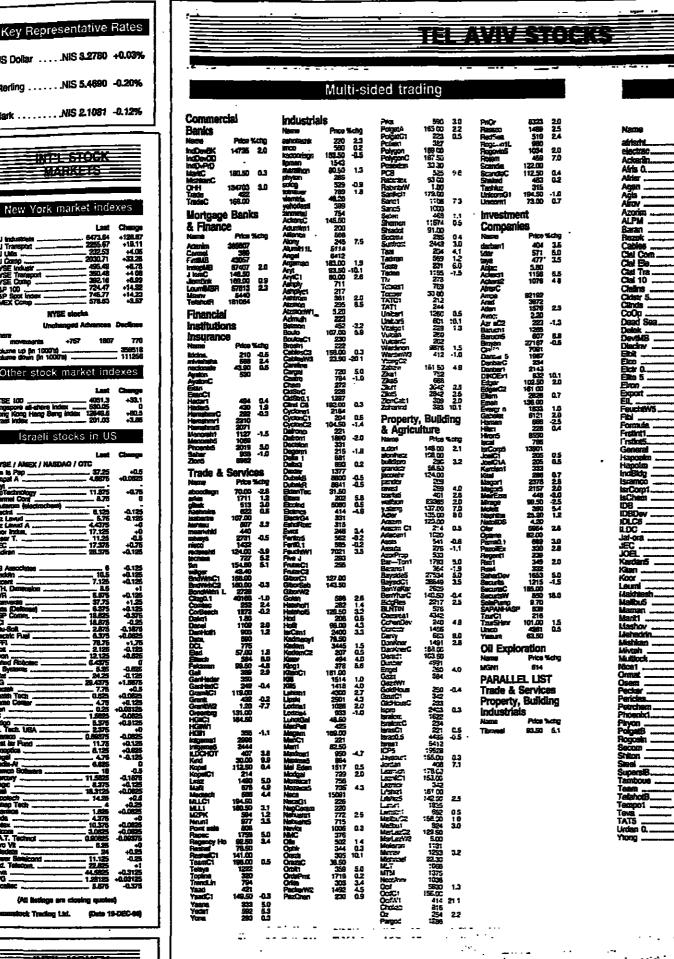
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Two-Sided index SHARES closed broadly higher on increased turnover yesterday after three days of profit-taking, dealers

The benchmark Two-Sided Index rose 1.57 percent, or 3.19 points, to 206.45 on all-share turnover of NIS 92 million against NIS 72m. Wednesday. The Maof Index gained 1.64% to 215.28.

The market is positive and investors are very optimistic. After few days of profit-taking the market has resumed its positive momen tum," said Danniella Finn, head of sales at Batucha Securities.

The positive trend started on Wednesday towards the end of the trading day when the market recovered from early losses. Activity

Maof index increased today and the marke looks very good," Firm added.

"The decline we saw at the beginning of week was only a technic correction. I believe that the pit tive trend will continue next week said Uri Schur at Eyal Securities The main gainer on the Maof was

Clal Electronics Industries, which surged 4.75% after its Nasdaq-traded affiliate ECI Telecom rose 3.4% on very high volume of \$20 million on Wednesday. The most active shares were IDB

Holdings, which rose 2% on volum of NIS 6.1m.; Teva Pharmaceurica Industries, which lost 0.5% on volume of NIS 5.9m.; and Israel Chemicals, which gained 2% on tumover of NIS 3.3m. (Reuse)

European bourses make big gains on US data

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - European bourses made healthy gains yesterday as a drop in the US trade deficit lifted Wall Street, delivering its third rally in as many days.

On currency markets, the better-than-expected US trade figures also pulled the dollar up half a pfennig against the mark. But late profit-taking wiped out most of the

underpinned by the buoyancy in New York. Bourses on both sides of the Atlantic rose in pre-Christmas holiday business on Wednesday and the pattern was much the same vesterda

London climbed 0.8% at the close. Trading was also enlivened by a pre-Christmas bidding spree with companies going shopping for takeover targets, putting a price tag of more than £2 billion on their list of potential purchases. Firms have launched five major bids for British companies this

week -- most of them hostile --

holiday period for dealmakers. Dealers believe London's FISE index could test its all-time highs in the next few days, provided Wall Street maintains its current upward momentum.

Paris was the best performer showing a gain of 1.34% at the close. Market spirits were lifted by New York and a flurry of merger related announcements in the pharmaceuticals and retail sectors. In Frankfurt, stocks on the com-

puterized IBIS index jumped on the US trade figures and were up 0.4% in late trade. Floor trading which ended before the US data was issued, finished down 0.46%. On the currency front, the dollar

climbed half a ptennig on the US trade figures before profit-taker eroded much of the gain toward the end of the session.

strong against the yen after Tokyo shares tumbled overnight to their low of the year amid deepening gloom about Japan's economic injecting life into the normally dull outlook.

Dow soars 127 points

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks shot higher yesterday, as the Dow Jones industrial average enjoyed its second-biggest point gain ever.

The market was led by con-sumer and financial issues, as bond prices were driven sharply higher on weak economic data and strong demand for a Treasury auction of 5-year notes. At close on Wall Street, the Dow

Jones industrial average was up 126.87 at 6,473.64, a jump of 2 percent. That was the best one-day gain in the blue-chip index since October 21, 1987, when it rose 186.84, or 10.1%, in a rebound from the crash of October 19. It was far from the largest percentage gain, however.

Even with the sharp rebound from an early-December selloff, the Dow remained substantially below its all-time closing high of 6,547.79 on November 25.

Hugh Johnson, chief market strategist at First Albany Corp., attributed the day's strong gains to aggressive buying by short-cover-ers, investors who had bet on a market decline but had to reverse their bets by buying as they saw prices begin to rise.

"The declines we saw the last couple of weeks, just like all the declines in the last five years, was short-lived," Johnson said.

Extra volatility was provided by Friday's anticipated triple expira-tion of stock options and futures contracts, traders said.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by more than 2 to 1 in late trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Volume was strong at more than 400 million

shares. Broad stock indexes were also sharply higher, but, like the Dow, finished substantially below

their record highs.
The Dow barreled sharply higher from the opening bell, prompting the New York Stock Exchange to impose a 50-point trading collar at 10:25 a.m. that stayed in place:

Stocks rose with bonds after the government revised unemployment claims sharply upward and said the nation's trade deficit had

narrowed by 30% in October.

Also boosting bonds was a report from the Philadelphia Federal Reserve showing a decline in the arrest the second in the area's general business activity in December to minus 2.2, from a November reading of 6.4. In the afternoon, news of very strong demand for the Treasury

auction prompted a doubling in the Dow's already strong daily gains. The Treasury sold \$12.50 billion of five-year notes a 6.165%, up from 5.95% in November.

The 30-year Treasury bond was up 1 13/32 point late in the day, pushing its yield, which moves opposite the price, down to 6.59% from 6.65% Wednesday.

Consumer stocks, such as healthcare, food and beverages and household products, all rose, as well as financial stocks. because of the decline in interest

The top gainer on the Dow was Merck, up more than 3 points after the company said it would division its animal health products division with French drug and chemical maker Rhone-Poulenc.

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out all sorts of papers about this

and at the same time saying yes,

Israel hopesthe Congress keeps

money going to the PA? Can you

have it both ways? Isn't the

Congressional law that if you're

in violation, you don't get the

That's right. It's a very serious

dilemma. It's not our dilemma

what the Congress does, because

that's the American dilemma. And

on the other hand, I don't believe

that we can go on lying to our-

selves and to others by saying they

It is an inner contradiction. It is

a dilemma, [to] equalize the kind

of obligations that we have on

both sides. If we don't succeed, I

don't see the peace process con-

tinuing, but we may succeed and I

These are very, very serious vio-lations. And while the Palestinians

say that we are also not fulfilling

all the provisions of the Oslo

agreement, the fact is that every

failure of ours is a direct result of

a security violation which means

we are not, for instance, providing

a free passage between Gaza and

Hebron, only because it is obvi-

We are not releasing prisoners

because many of the prisoners

whom we have released have

become offenders again of terror-

We are not allowing the building of the airfield in Dahaniya

because we fear the impact of that on the ability of the Palestinian

army to arm itself. All the things

that we are not doing are not done

for one reason and that is we do

not see the kind of security con-

siderations on the other side that

would make it possible for us to

So is there going to be a quid pro quo on Hebron, whereby the

I don't know about the quid pro

quo. We are listing what we feel

are their obligations. We are list-

ing what we feel are our obliga-

tions. We do feel that both should

go on simultaneously and parallel. Whether or not they would actual-

ly be conditioned on one another

But you are saying reciprocity? That's right. Partly the reason

for this is that Hebron is a leftover.

There should have been a rede-

That means all three redeploy-

realm of a reciprocity arrange-

anything we do on what they do,

but obviously, it will be very diffi-

cult to convince this government

it should go on with the process if

the Palestmians ignore all their

Yet, you're saying it's hard to

It's impossible to do anything

retroactively because it endangers

the whole thing. I mean obviously,

if we try to disarm, as Peres, by

the way suggested, which I

thought was one of the more

indicative signs of lack of realism

on his part, when he said, why

didn't you take their rifles away.

You know what it means to take rifles away from an army that's

been trained as an army and exists

Do you think Arafat wants to make a holy war against Israel?

He says so every day. I tend to

believe everything that they say

when it comes to this kind of

thing. When they say that they have destroyed 100 tanks in a war,

one has to take it with a grain of

salt, but when they say what they

intend to do, until now, they have

obligations under the process.

negotiate retroactively.

is not yet our policy.

Palestinians fix violations?

commit ourselves.

ously a tremendous security risk.

are not really violating anything.

money?

hope we do.

proved absolutely reliable. It sometimes takes them a much longer time, but they do what they say they will do.

So if that is the case, then what is Israel doing in peace talks with

these people? Because we feel that it is possible to try to curb it, to curb this ambition to destroy the state of Israel and to make it impractical and impossible.

SETTLEMENT EXPANSION

Do settlement expansion and the peace process work together? You touched on an important point. The word expansion is one of those words that is misused all the time. Nobody has suggested expanding settlements. Nobody. Not one square inch is being added to any settlements. When we say settlement expansion, this is being misunderstood. I don't see us adding any more land mass to existing settlements in the territories. I hope we could add more. but families would be living in the

same amount of space. Within the existing municipal boundaries of every settlement. we can triple the population. I'm not saying, by the way, that we're going to, I don't think that we'll be able to, but we can triple the population without adding one square inch to the settlements. They are all within the same area By the way, as you probably know, all of the settlements take less than four percent of the whole area. The Labor Party added 50% [without] taking any more area, so in that respect it doesn't really change the situation on the

ground. There will be no moving. of any perimeter fences. But last Friday's cabinet decision gives the people mortgage incentives to live in the territo-

ries. If you live in Tel Aviv, you don't get those incentives. Of course not, but you do get them in the Jordan Valley, and you've always gotten them and you do get them in the Gaza district and you've always gotten them. And you get them in the

> NETANYAHU AND THE MEDIA

ployment in March. It was postponed by the Peres government How do you explain the diffiand it's a sort of a hanging debt. culty of Netanyahu getting the message out? He is supposed to We have decided, although we would have had a very good point in saying that we don't have to do be the master of PR? Do you blame everything on the media? No. No. Please, don't get me everything because of the lack of reciprocity, we have decided to wrong about the media. I feel that fulfill these conditions in the con-

Well, the first redeployment is opposed his election. But I don't past due, the other two are not. So think that in itself is the thing to they will have to come into the blame. Are you going to start attacking the media? What is the strategy to ment. Again, I'm not conditioning

lia were right

dig out of all of Bibi's hasbara (PR) problems? I don't really have an answer for that. I don't know what the reason for the difficulty is except for the one I think I mentioned before, when great expectations and great hopes are raised for a period of four years, it's extremely difficult for people to understand the reason for a change of direction, even though they obviously voted him into office, because they were unhappy with the results of the Oslo agreement to date... it is

sometimes difficult for him to get his point across.

NETANYAHU AND IDEOLOGY Is Netanyahu somewhere between Shamir and Peres? I think in general he is not any longer [in favor of] a whole-landof-Israel movement. I don't think he feels that there is any chance of the land of Israel remaining com-

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tions. What do you think led him to

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I think that the socialist thinking in this country, which obviously dominated it completely until the 1970s, really made it a basket case economically, at a time in which it could have attracted the kind of immigration that would have made a very big difference.

that? Is he an ideologue?

Obviously, there is an element

of an ideologue in him and he's

also a pragmatist, with very defi-

nite goals. I think that what has

made him realize that the land-of-

Israel dream is no longer viable at

this point is just facts on the

ground. I mean this is it. Whether

OF not we could have taken a dif-

ferent course over the past 50

years and reached the situation in

which the land of Israel could

have been under real Israeli con-

troi is another matter. I don't

know what he thinks, I think we

could have. But since we can't

When do you think the turning

Well, this is really going into a

discussion of history, probably

much earlier than you think, I would say. In the 1920s or the

Really, what would have done

change history at this point...

points were?

1930s

Don't forget there was a time, especially in the 1920s, in which immigration was totally unlimited. And I think that had the economic conditions been made attractive to massive immigration, we would have had massive immigration and I don't think the British could have stopped it, regardless of what the Arabs said

at the time. Had it really been massive, it would have been mesistible.

But now partition is a fact. Well, of course double partition, triple partition, there have been so many partition plans, but yes I think now partition is a fact, the question is really what kind of

partition.

tion and that need to prove that the of the first six months has been

try, that the political spectrum is not as polarized as people think and that the differences between the parties now are much smaller than they were 12 months ago? Absolutely... there are not major

differences between Likud and

But doesn't it mean that a lot of

the political boundaries are

somewhat artificial in this coun-

Labor today. What hasbara plans are there for the future?

I must say that most of the time that I have spent in the government has been spent on putting out fires instead of planning a proper hasbara campaign and the kind of program that I would like there's been a wave of hostility to be able to realize. I hope I'll be tract in the agreement and go on which may have come as a result. Able to do it in the next few from that.

of the disappointment in his election months. I don't think the hasbara

> On a personal level now, is it hard for you having been an edi-tor, a columnist, to now reconcile yourself to being a spokesman of the prime minister and you're almost not entitled to private views in public. How do you feel about the Tom Friedman flap, and the disagreement with the State Department?

> It's very difficult to get used to, partly because of course, I've never been in government before and I certainly haven't fulfilled the function of a spokesman in a sense. I'm not exactly the spokesman, but obviously anything I say is interpreted as expressing the opinion of the prime minister. It's very difficult

for me to get used to because of It's also difficult for me to get used to because I've always been my own boss, I've never worked

in a framework of anything, I've never been anybody's. As a pianist I was completely independent for all those years, and as an editor of the paper you really don't report to anyone. I certainly wasn't careful about what I said as an editor, on the contrary. It's difficult for me also not be able to vent my observa-

Private eye gives Nazi tapes to Canadian police

ROBERT SARNER and STEVE LEIBOWITZ MONTREAL

PRIVATE investigator Steve Rambam last night handed over to Canadian law enforcement officials tapes of secretly recorded conversations with four suspected Nazi war criminals living in Canada.

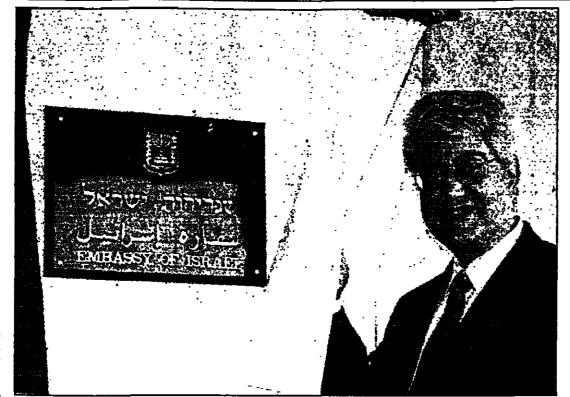
Rambam gave the evidence to Royal Canadian Mounted Police agents Andre R.
Deneault and Rob Fnukal at the offices of the Canadian Jewish Congress in Montreal. The tapes were part of several hundred pages of evidence turned over during a meeting attended by CJC leaders and Efraim Zuroff, head of the Israel desk of the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

Also at the meeting with the Mounted Police investigators were reporters Robert Sarner and Steve Leibowitz, who had joined Rambam in his undercover investigation and whose findings were published last month in The Jerusalem Post Magazine.

Following the meeting was a well-attended press confer-ence, during which Rambam played segments of the interviews, which be had conducted with several suspects.

During the meeting, the Canadian law enforcement officials said that the evidence provided by Rambam would be considered in efforts to strengthen Ottowa's cases against suspected war criminals it is trying to deport.

At the press conference, Holocaust historian Irving Abella, a senior official of the CJC, said that Rambam's investigation had opened a cute war criminals in Canada, and vowed that the Canadian Jewish Congress would take any and all legal steps to insure that the Canadian government acts on the new find-



Foreign Minister David Levy unveils a plaque at the new Israeli Embassy in Amman during bis visit to Jordan yesterday.

(Continued from Page 1) significance to Jordan.

At the end of a meeting with Levy, Kabariti termed settlements a "direct threat" to the security of Jordan. Muasher explained this by saying that settlement expansion is being perceived by some in Jordan as "directly or indirectly" a vehicle that Israel may want to use in order to push out Palestinians from the territories and thereby revive the idea of "Jordan is Palestine."

It has been several years since Jordanian officials mentioned this term, which they associated with Ariel Sharon.

Levy reacted angrily to the idea that somehow Israel viewed settlement expansion as a way to hurt Jordan. "We did not make peace with Jordan in order to jeopardize Jordan," he said.

Levy was greeted on arrival in Amman by a sub-cabinet level official, and Kabariti, who is both prime minister and foreign minister, declined to appear publicly with Levy at the press conference. Instead, he sent Muasher.

It is believed that Muasher has bruised feelings in dealing with Israel. Last week, just moments after a visiting Muasher handed Netanyahu a letter from Kabariti

LEVY

dies for settlers.

conference whether Jordan was convinced by Levy's soothing words about Israel's commitment to peace. Muasher tried to be diplomatic. "The only way to restore confidence is to see promises implemented on the ground. We are encouraged by what we heard today, but the whole region is waiting for imple-

mentation" of the agreement.

Levy's visit is the first by a

Apart from Levy's top level m etings, Foreign Ministry aides held talks with Jordanian ministers of transportation and water. Jordan has agreed to inaugurate flights from Haifa to Amman twice weekly next month, Foreign Ministry officials say.

Another topic for conversation

Officials say Netanyahu is expected to decide shortly whether he wants the airport to be shared by both countries or whether it would be handled just

Levy's day in Amman was

capped by the dedication of the

new Israeli embassy in the Rabiya neighborhood of Amman. It

should be noted that the affair was

attended by many Jordanians. In

his remarks, delivered in Arabic.

Ambassador to Amman Shimon

Shamir noted the achievements of

Israeli-Jordanian ties in the last

few years. He highlighted the fact

that "a quarter of a million"

Israelis have visited Jordan since

While trade ties have been slow

to develop, Fakhri Alnaser, a

Jordanian who heads an upcom-

ing exhibition of Israeli products,

said that Jordanians are interest-

ed. "We have more than 1,000

favorable replies. Businesspeople

are interested in what Israel has to

offer in the way of joint ventures

It was recently reported in the

Jordanian press that Israeli night-

vision equipment is being sold under Jordanian names at Amman

Egyptian President Hosni

Mubarak, meanwhile, has invited

Minister

Mordechai to Egypt for an official

day visit, set for Tuesday, will

mark the first time since Yitzhak

Rabin's visit in 1989 that an

Israeli defense minister will be

Arieh O'Sullivan adds:

and imports."

exhibitions.

Defense

visiting Egypt.

the signing of the peace treaty.

by one.

about how Jordan opposes settlements and views it as a threat to its own existence, the cabinet voted to provide financial incentives, including mortgage subsi-

When asked at yesterday's press

Netanyahu government official since Israel opened the Western Wall Tunnel exit and upset

was the Akaba-Eilat airport.

Youth stabs father who attacked mother

the back yesterday when the man tried to attack the boy's mother. "Without my son, I would be dead," the mother said.

The incident occurred when the boy's father came home drunk and started strangling his mother. The

A 16-year-old Ramat Gan youth boy tried to separate them, then knife and stabbed his father so he would release his mother. Neighbors called police, and the father was taken to Ichilov Hospital under police guard, in

SHAKESPEARE

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Shakespeare's are simply lines

attributed to characters in his

work. One might as well ban him

because he's apti-French. The

French are posed in a very stupid

InThe Merchant of Venice,

Shylock is characterized as a

greedy, moneylending Jew. He is

mocked as a "misbeliever, cut-

throat dog" and is abandoned by

daughter Jessica, who marries a

Christian, and is forced to convert

Shakespeare was more sympa-

thetic to Jews than his contempo-

raries, citing passages such as "Hath not a Jew eyes? Hath not a

Jew hands ... If you prick us, do

we not bleed? If you tickle us, do

In the end, the specimen ban-

knotes - unveiled at last week-

end's European Union summit in

Dublin to replace the national cur-

rencies of the 15 EU member

states in 2002 - feature a variety

of nondescript windows, bridges

and gateways, as well as maps of

Despite strenuous efforts to

avoid offending any EU member,

several nations have already

raised objections. The Finns are

furning that part of their country

is missing from the map on the

notes, while large parts of Russia

- a non EU state - are included.

The Spaniards are furious that the

Balearic islands are missing. And

others have criticized the seven-

colored Euro notes as overly

"psychedelic." One Euro is worth

just over NIS 4.

Yet many scholars maintain

taken to extremes."

to Christianity.

we not laugh?"

moderate to serious condition.

LEVINE

(Continued from Page 1) real-time intelligence and able to identify the vehicles in which Amitai and senior officers travel. The mortar attack yesterday began at about 11 a.m., shortly after the convoy carrying Levine,

Amitai and senior SLA officers

arrived at the Barasheet position light in Henry V. There's no eviin the zone's western sector. dence Shakespeare hated Jews." A single mortar round hit the Another lecturer at the Hebrew fortified outpost, but did not University, Dr. Elizabeth Freund, explode. All the troops manning said: "This is political correctness the position, as well as the visi-

> tors, took cover and several more rounds struck. Amitai, according to the IDF spokesman, suffered scratches, apparently from shrapnel. The IDF Spokesman said the mortar firing originated from inside villages in the Barasheet area, north

violation of the Grapes of Wrath understandings. IDF and SLA gunners returned fire. Reports from Lebanon said two houses, one in Barasheet and the other in a village nearby, were hit and badly damaged by shell-

of the zone, which is a flagrant

There were also reports that two Lebanese civilians were wounded, and that 12 schoolchildren had narrowly escaped when a shell exploded near a shop in Barasheet village. UNIFIL officers confirmed the damage to the empty houses but not the report of casu-

Levine's convoy pulled out of the area when the exchanges died down and Amitai was later taken to Haifa's Rambam Hospital for a checkup. He was released and rejoined his unit.

Hizbullah issued a statement claiming responsibility for the mortar attack, saying one of its "fire support squads spotted an IDF unit inside the Barasheet compound and shelled it." According to some reports from Lebanon, a number of vehicles in Levine's convoy were damaged.

The exchanges were followed by another IAF raid on Hizbullah positions in the Jabal Saffi region, north of Soujud in the northeastern sector of the security zone.

Young Dynamic Company SECRETARY Good level of

Israel marches through Georgia Bench scores 52 points to lift national team to victory

MOTTI Daniel and Oded Katash provided the Israeli national team with a spark off the bench, propelling the Israelis to an 86-74 victory over the Georgian national squad. The win means that Israel only needs to win one of its two remaining games in the European Qualifying Championship Tournament in order to reach the European Championship in Spain

Georgia's chance to qualify. The depth proved to be the difference. Entering the second half with a tenuous one-point lead, Daniel (22 points), Katash (17) and Ofer Fleisher combined for all of Israel's points during a 17-5 run. The spurt gave Zvi Scherf's squad a comfortable lead that it néver relinquished.

this summer. The loss eliminated

An inability to generate a fast pace prevented Israel from jumping out earlier. The Israelis were **ELI GRONER**

they were able to get the ball inside, usually converting a field goal or reaching the charity stripe. The problem was that Israel only converted 9-16 from the freethrow line in the half.

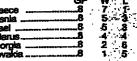
Gur Shelef was especially productive posting up on the smaller Ravaz Chackidza. Shelef also finished off Israel's two nicest offensive sets, both coming in the first half. The first one came on Israel's only first-half fast-break, as he took a feed from Doron Sheffer and slammed it home giving the Israelis a 15-13 lead. The second came seven minutes later, when he handled a Daniel dish and laid it in over the imposing Vladimir Stefania to make the score 25-24.

Shelef returned the favor to Daniel by finding the latter cutting to the basket to give Israel a 30-29

1:10 mark of the first half when Daniel buried a three-point bomb that Israel fir: by took the lead for

Doron Sheffer and Amir Muchtari distinguished them selves as well. Sheffer had a solid all-around game, tallying 16 points while making several line passes and crashing the defensive boards. Muchtari came on when Fleisher got into foul trouble, and provided Israel with a force in the middle to contain Stefania (22 points). Muchtari also scored 10 second-half points helping Israel maintain its solid lead.

Israel's next game is on January 29, when it meets the Bosnian





A STAB IN THE BACK - Monica Seles winces in pain after being stabbed at the Hamburg Open in 1993. A court has rejected her claim for damages from the attack.

Seles fails in damages claim for Hamburg stabbing

HAMBURG (Reuter) - Tennis star Monica Seles failed yesterday in a bid to win damages from the German Tennis Federation (DTB) for a knife attack by a spectator which kept her out of the sport for more than two years.

A Hamburg court rejected her claim that the DTB was negligent in security arrangements at the Hamburg Open in April 1993, allowing her attacker to jump from the stands and plunge a kitchen knife into her back.

Lawyers for Seles, who was not in court, had claimed 24.4 million marks (\$15.75 million) for damages and lost earnings from her 27-month layoff after

"We'll discuss in peace and quiet whether we want to appeal after we receive the judgment in writing," Seles's lawyer Wilhelm Danelzik said.

A spokeswoman for Seles in Los Angeles, Linda Dozoretz, said: "This is obviously another disappointment stemming from the terrible attack on me in

However she said that since the court's written decision with its reasons would not be released for some weeks, Seles could not comment on specifics. The court did not publish the full text of its judg-

ment but said in a statement the DTB could not have been expected to provide protection against such a serious attack as nothing similar had happened

The 23-year old American star had charged that the players' bench was closer to the spectators' stand in Hamburg than at other international tournaments, making it easier for Guenter Parche, a lathe operator, to leap at her during a changeover.

But the court said there was no evidence the gap was wider at other events specifically to prevent an attack. It ordered Seles, ranked second in the world, to pay costs.

Danelzik said he was inclined not to accept the verdict but it was up to Seles whether she wanted to pursue the case. He had told her of the ruling by fax but had not yet received a reply. The DTB welcomed the outcome. "This is a verdict

for sport," said Juergen Tietjen, the head of the DTB subsidiary which organized the Hamburg event. "It ensures direct contact between spectators and

players will also be possible at sports events in the future " he added "If the verdict had been different we would have had to think about whether we could continue to stage tournaments. Tennis lives from the directness of the

game. We don't want tennis in a cage." Parche was given a two-year suspended sentence in October 1993 for causing grievous bodily harm. He said his fascination with Steffi Graf drove him to wound Seles - then ranked No. 1 in the world - to help the German regain the top spot.

The trial judge ruled he was emotionally retarded and may not have been entirely responsible for his

Seles later appealed for a tougher sentence but failed. She told that hearing in writing that the attack

Suffering from fear and depression, she postponed her comeback to the international tennis circuit several times and finally returned last year. But she has not taken part in any tournaments in Germany since

Oilers fans: Lonelier than Maytag repairmen

HOUSTON (AP) - Kelly Lipinski doesn't care what people might say. She's one of the chosen few still willing to call themselves a Houston Oilers fan. "They're still our home team."

she insists. "I'm still an Oilers fan, always have been. That's just me, even though I know they're leav-From sports call-in radio shows

to the Internet, there are jokes being made about people like Lipinski. Obviously she got a free ticket, some might snicker. Others may speculate on the state of her

After all, why in the world would anyone subject themselves to watch a team as up-and-down as the Oilers? Why would you put your heart on the line for a love that is about to leave you for Nashville?

Lipinski laughs at the speculation. Without reservation, she admits that she had a (gasp!) good

In the Oilers last appearance this year at the Astrodome Sunday, Lipinski and her husband made history. The two were among the 15,131 die-hards who made it to the Astrodome, the fewest to ever attend an Oilers game in the eam's 36-year history.

"Before we went we said we'd probably make history and be part of the smallest crowd ever at an Oilers' game," Lipinski said. "It was kind of comical."

More like tragicomedy. Considering the lowest previous attendance for the Oilers was also this year, (20,107) when the Oilers played the Carolina Panthers on Nov. 24, chances are next season could be just as ugly.

The Oilers plan to pack up for Nashville when their lease expires after the 1997 season.

Owner Bud Adams has said that

Angels sign **Eddie Murray** to one-year contract

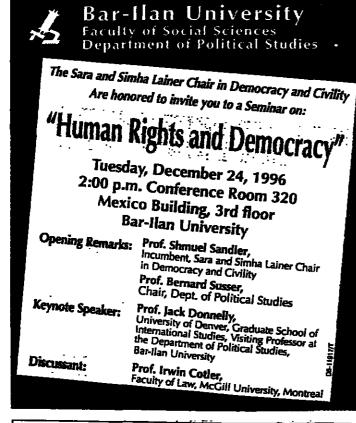
ANAHEIM (Reuter) – Eddie Murray, who last season become only the 15th player in history to reach 500 career home runs, signed one-year contract with the Anaheim Angels on Wednesday.

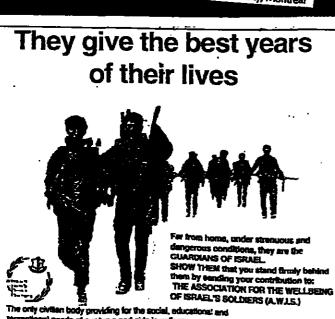
Murray split the 1996 season between the Cleveland Indians and Baltimore Orioles, hitting his 500th homer for the Onoles on September 6 against Detroit.

He finished the 1996 campaign with 22 homers and 77 RBI in 152

The 40-year-old Murray joined Mickey Mantle as the only switchhitters with 500 homers and was the first to join the elite 500 club since Mike Schmidt in 1987.

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DENIED - New York's John Starks (left) has his shot deflected by Detroit's Grant Hill (center) as Theo Ratliff (rear) and Stacey Augmon defend during their game on Wednesday in Detroit. (Reuter)

O'Neal scores season-high 41 as Lakers beat Bucks

MILWAUKEE (AP) - Shaquille O'Neal scored a season-high 41 points Wednesday night as the Los Angeles Lakers overcame 42 points by Glenn Robinson and beat the Milwankee Bucks 111-105.

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The Lakers, who blew an 18point fourth-quarter lead in a 129-123 overtime loss to the Chicago Bulls on Tuesday night, pulled des against Milwankee after the game was tied 98-98 with 3:10 left.

O'Neal's hook shot from the lane capped a 6-0 run that put the Lakers on top 104-98 with 1:50 left. Elden Campbell and Eddie

Jones each added 19 points and Nick Van Exel had 18 for the

Pistons 112, Knicks 78 Lindsey Hunter scored 22 of his sea-son-high 28 points in the first half and host Detroit snapped the Knicks' seven-game winning streak.

Grant Hill had his first triple-double of the season with 17 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds for the Pistons, who held a 17-point halftime lead and stretched it to 91-58 entering the fourth quarter.

Joe Dumars had 21 points, including 15 in the third quarter. John Starks led New York with 15 points. Charles Oakley added 14 points on his 33rd birthday. Cavallers 99, Nets 81

Terrell Brandon scored 16 of his 28 points in the decisive third quarter as .. host Cleveland beat injury-depleted.

New Jersey.

The Nets were without the NBA's top rebounder, Jayson Williams, and 7-foot-6 (225-centimeter) center

Shawn Bradley. Both were out with The Cavs won their third straight and the Nets lost their third in a row. Chris Mills had 16 and Bob Sura

dded 12 for Cleveland, Kerry Kittles. led the Nets with 20 points.
Pacers 102, Magic 95 20T Reggie Miller scored five of his 34

points in the second overtime to can a strong second-half performance that carried visiting India na over Orlando. carried visiting indiana over Chando.

Miller was held to four points in the opening half, missing his first seven shots before getting on track. He fin-ished 11-of-28 from the field and had

12 rebounds and seven assists. Orlando missed 10 of 11 shots in the second overtime and was 2-for-18 overall after regulation. Dennis Scott led the Magic with a season-high 27 points but missed 10 straight shots in

Nuggets 95, Kings 79
Ervin Johnson scored a season-high 18 points and had a career-high 23 rebounds as host Denver ended a 10-

game losing streak.
Antonio McDyess added 17 points and Mark Jackson had season-high 16 assists for the Nuggets, who had lost four straight to the Kings. The victory helped Denver (6-19) avoid tying the franchise's worst start, 5-20 in 1990-91. Misch Richmond scored 32 points

and Olden Polynice had a season-high Suns 114, Bullets 107 Rex Chapman scored all 10 of his

coints in the fourth quarter and hit a 16-foot (5-meter) jumper with 20 seconds left to put the game out of reach as host Phoenix beat Washington. Hot Rod Williams had a season-high 22 points, a total matched by Suns teammate Michael Finley. Danny Manning had 16 and 10 rebounds. helping Phoenix win its 17th in a row

against the Bullets, who last beat Phoenix in the 1987-88 season. Rod Strickland had 20 points and 11 assists and Chris Webber had 18 points and 12 rebounds for the Bullets.

SuperSonics 106, Trail Blazers 102 Gary Payton sank a game-tying 3-pointer with 49 seconds left, then

made one of two free throws with 12.1 seconds remaining as visiting Seattle beat Portland.

Sam Perkins scored a season-high 25 for Seattle, shooting 5-for-10 on 3-pointers. Shawn Kemp added 22 and

Isaiah Rider tied his season-high with 23 points and had a season-high 11 rebounds. Kenny Anderson had 21 points and 11 assists, Wallace scored 19 and Clifford Robinson 18.

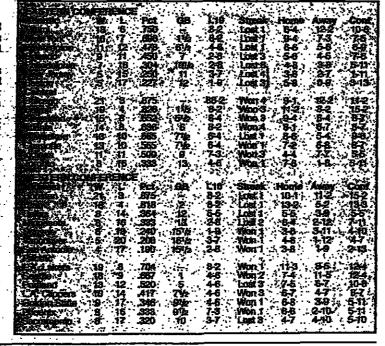
Warriors 123, Timber wolves 96 Joe Smith ignited host Golden State's offense with 30 points and 12

four-game losing streak.

After being held to just seven points in the first eight minutes, the Warriors scored 116 over the next 40 minutes, shooting 63 percent (46-for-73) over

Latrell Sprewell added 25 points and eight assists for the Warriors, who rebounded from a 40-point loss to Seattle the night before.

Wednesday's NBA Results: Indiana 162, Oriando 95, 20T Cleveland 99, New Jersey 81 Detroit 112, New York 78 L.A. Lakers 111, Milwankee 105 Denver 95, Sacramento 79 Phoenix 114, Washington 107 Seattle 106, Portland 102 Golden State 123, Minnesota 96



Newcastle plans flotation on London market and new stadium

LONDON (Reuter) - English Premier League soccer club Newcastle United unveiled plans for a new sta-dium yesterday and confirmed it would float on the London stock market early next year.

Newcastle said the club was seeking planning permission for a new stadium with an initial capacity of 55,000 in the north-eastern city.

The stadium, costing £65 million, would be built on parkland just to the north of the existing St James' Park, Newcastle intends to turn St James' Park into an indoor leisure and sports center.

The cinb confirmed it would seek a listing for their shares on the London Stock Exchange next spring. "We intend to seek a stock market listing to assist in the financing of the next phase of the company's growth," said joint chief executive Mark Corbridge. Newcastle will release further details of their listing

plans in mid-January. A growing number of soccer chibs are cashing in on the game's current prosperity through flotations. The huge sums of television money being pumped into soccer has made the sport an attractive prospect

English champions Manchester United have grown to become one of Britain's 250 largest companies since their flotation five years ago and are seen as a model example of how to combine finance and foot-Newcastle has developed into one of English soc-

cer's most attractive sides under manager Kevin Keegan.

The wealth of property developer chairman Sir John Hall has helped bring a host of top players to the club, including England captain Alan Shearer, who returned to his home town this year in a world record £15 million deal.

Newcastle has outgrown the 36,000-capacity St James' Park and says a new stadium is vital if they are to meet the demand for tickets.

But its plan has met opposition from environmentalists battling to protect the city's ancient moor. Newcastle said their new stadium and St James' Park development would form part of a larger and

improved park. The plans we have developed will provide a world class stadium capable of meeting the demand for tickets whilst at the same time providing an enhanced and extended urban park for the benefit of the local community," said Newcastle director

Jerusalem derby in spotlight

NATIONAL League action returns this week-end and the capital is agog ahead of the first Jerusalem derby in seven years.

The emotional fixture between Betar and Hapoel Jerusalem in the league had been put on hold in the year when Teddy Stadium opened and Hapoel were relegated to the Second Division. Since then the clubs had met in an official fixture only once, in a State Cup

The first league derby at Teddy Stadium is sure to be as charged as those held at YMCA in past years, with traditional municipal sporting and political rivalries coming to the

This time around the advantage is clearly with the Betar camp, the league leaders who are unbeaten are playing some excellent football and look well on course to capturing another chaspionship. They will be without Ronnen Harazi and probably without their two influential Hungarians, Stefan Saloi and Istvan Pishont, who were injured in the Toto Cup fix-

ture with Bnei Yehuda on Wednesday.

ship, from a highj of fifth in the standings in the seventh round they have sliped to tenth, jusat four points above Beit She'an and Hapoel Tel Aviv in the relegation zone.

Second-placed Hapoel Petah Tikva have anothedr tough test in their efforts to stay in the hunt for the championship when they host disappointing Maccabi Haifa tomorrow afternoon. Elsewhere, Hapoel Beersheba host Maccabi Petah Tikva, while Maccabi Tel Aviv should have an easy time repeating their midweek Toto Cup win over Ironi Rishon.

Hapoel have lost their last five league outings and could not have wished for a tougher match in which to try to right their listing

Hapoel will miss tough defender Amir Gola whi is suspended, but they will rely heavily on veterans Michel Dayan and Yair Assayag if they want to stop Eli Ohana and his team-

This weekend's National League fixtures (all matches kick off tomorrow at 14:30 unless stated):Hapoel Haifa v. Zafririm Holon, Kiryat Eliezer 15:00;Hapoel Beersheba v. Maccabi Petah Tikva, Beersheba; Maccabi Herzliya v. Hapoel Beit She'an, herziiya;Maccabi terziiya v. Irapoet neu Sur an, Herziiya;Maccabi Tel Aviv v. Ironi Rishon Lezion, National Stadium, 16:30;Betar Jerusalem v. Hapoet Jerusalem, Teddy Stadium 18:00;Buel Yehnda v. Hapoel Tel Aviv, Hatikva Quarter;Hapoel Taiba v. Hapoel Kiar Sava, Umm el-Fahm today 14:30;Hapoel Petah Tikva v. Maccabi Haifa, Petah Tikva

Betar Jerusalem Hapoel Petah Tikva Hapoel Beersheba Maccabi Tel Aviv Maccabi Petah Tikva Bnei Yehuda Hapoel Haifa Maccabi Haifa Hapoel Kar Sava Hapoel Jerusalem Ironi Rishon Lezion Zafirim Holon Maccabi Herziya Hapoel Taiba Hapoel Taiba Hapoel Taiba Hapoel Taiba Hapoel Tel Aviv Betar Jerusalem

Rain plays into England's favor Clark resigns from Forest. broke the partnership. Strang Pearce offered (Reuter) - England had the elehad lifted the previous ball over ments to thank for ending an

nerve-wracking final session

in reply to Zimbabwe's first

imnings total of 376 and, with

more rain forecast, a draw looks

the most likely outcome unless

Strang can produce something

caretaker role abbreviated second day of the LONDON (Renter) - England inaugural Test against Zimbabwe defender Stuart Pearce has been yesterday with their heads still offered the role of caretaker above water. When skipper Mike Atherton manager at struggling Nottingham Forest following the fell lbw to the leg spin of Paul resignation of Frank Clark yes-Strang two balls before tea, a

The English Premier League's bottom club has given Pearce, capped 72 times by his country, 24 hours to decide whether to

take the job. "If he doesn't accept we'll think again," said chairman Irving Korn. "But I think that Stuart, being the type of person he is, will accept the challenge."

The 53-year-old Clark, who took over from Brian Clough in May 1993, had grown frustrated as protracted takeover negotiations prevented the club from signing new players to improve a sequence of poor results.

Forest has not won since the opening day of the season and its 4-2 defeat at Liverpool on Tuesday proved the final straw for Clark, who suspected he would be sacked anyway once the club's takeover is finalized in

slips for four, but hit the next straight to Tufnell at mid-on having hit seven fours in his innings of 38.

seemed in prospect, but rain and bad light prevented any further play after the interval. England was left on 48 for one

rolled on to the stumps. wickets in his next over.

Atherton would certainly have settled for a draw at lunch on the second day after a wretched display by his bowlers saw Zimbabwe move from their overnight 256 for six to 337 for

Andy Flower, who went on to score his third Test century. added 79 for the seventh wicket with Strang against an attack which seemed to have forgotten first principles.

Fittingly it was a slow full toss from Chris Silverwood which

England also needed a modicum of luck for the next breakthrough, which came 45 minutes after lunch. Alan Mullally, who had been the worst of England's attack in the morning, finally found a straight delivery which came off the bottom of Streak's bat and

The fielding side seized their opportunity with both hands as Tufnell grabbed the last two

First to go was Andy Flower,

who had gritted it out for 313 deliveries before gloving an attempted sweep to Alec Stewart.

Flower hit 10 boundaries and ensured Zimbabwe would post a competitive total, despite last man Henry Olonga edging a catch straight to Nick Knight at silly point four balls later.

Knight was in fluent form in England's reply, hitting three rasping boundaries off the Zimbabwe pace attack. But it was the introduction of Strang in the 12th over which confounded the tourists.

In his second over the little legspinner trapped Atherton, on 16, on the back foot and slid one past the England skipper's defences for the plummest of lbw's.

Strang's ability to exploit a wearing pitch is the key to the last three days, but the weather may yet prove to be England's strongest ally.

England first innings N.Knight not out M.Affierton line b P.Strang Extras (nb-3) Total (for one wicket) Fall of wickets: 1-48

Manchester United, Chelsea seek to reverse their fortunes

LONDON (AP) - After import- adventurously with Italian stars suffered the humiliation of losing its Swindon Standay. Enthering big-name stars such as Jordi Vialli, Zola and Roberto Di 2-1 at division two Stockport Sheffield United or Barnsley. Manchester United and Chelsea were expected to be challenging hard for the Premier League title. Almost half way through the season, they're both sliding out of

contention. Defending titlist Manchester United is sixth in the standings and, although it has a game in hand on leader Liverpool, it has nine points to make up and is not playing anywhere near its best. On Wednesday it labored to a 1-1 tie with Sheffield Wednesday

and looked second best all the way through the game. Chelsea is eighth and 12 points behind the leader. In its last game it lost 3-0 at modest Sunderland and that scoreline appeared a true

reflection of the play. In Manchester United's case, it may be that its spell of domestic domination is over. Clubs in other European countries, such as AC Milan, Juventus, Barcelona and Real Madrid, have tended to win titles in four of five-year spells and then slide off the pace to come back again later.

In Chelsea's case, it hasn't won a major title for 25 years and is anxious to end that drought of

Maybe it's trying too hard. has not only slithered to fifth from last in the standings but also

Gullit already had experienced home-grown players such as Mark Hughes and Dennis Wise and he has always sent out a highquality, attack-minded team.

It hasn't worked. Even the fact that several players were missing in that loss to Sunderland couldn't excuse the team's shortcom-

Chelsea players, when continually under pressure from opponents who are quickly into the tackle, just can't put their flowing, passing game together. When the other team has the ball, Chelsea doesn't have the players to get it back.
"I do not know what the prob-

· lem is at the moment, but I'm sure that these things go away," Gullit said after Sunday's loss. "This is the way things seem to have been going for the past five

We go into the dressing room and say we have to be solid. Then we give goals away and that makes it a lost game. They call it bad luck but I hope we get rid of it pretty soon."

Chelsea hopes the bad luck will go away when it hosts another sliding team Saturday. West Ham

Manchester United aims to put its league season back on track

Saturday by scoring a home victory over mid-standings Sunderland, while Arsenal bids to regain top spot by winning at last place Nottingham Forest, whose manager, Frank Clark, quit Thursday.

Leader Liverpool is not in action until Monday, when it visits another title contender Newcastle and third place Wimbledon goes to fifth place Aston Villa Sunday. Middlesbrough, which has not won in the league for 12 games,

will slip into the bottom four if it loses at Blackburn tomorrow. Manager Bryan Robson hopes that Brazilian star Juninho, who has been sidelined for three

games with an ankle injury, will soon be back to help countryman Emerson and Italian striker Fabrizio Ravanelli produce a Boro turnaround. In other games tomorrow, Leeds visits Everton, which has climbed steadily to seventh, next-

to-last Coventry travels to neighbor Leicester, Derby goes to Southampton and Tottenham hosts Sheffield Wednesday. Division one leader Bolton may not be at the top by the time it vis-

Cruyff, Karel Poborsky, Gianluca Matteo lining up alongside County Wednesday in the fourth who meet at United's Bramall Vialli and Gianfranco Zola, French defender Frank Lebeouf. round of the League Cup. Lane ground tomorrow, will go top and Sheffield will lead the standings if it's a tie.

Scottish champion Rangers, which holds a 12-point lead atop the Premier division standings, visits fifth-place Hearts tomorrow while second place Aberdeen goes to last place Kilmarnock.

Celtic, which is 14 points behind in third, has the best chance of catching Rangers because it has three games in

But it needs to score a home victory over fourth place Dundee United to stand any chance of stopping Rangers tie its own record of nine league titles in a

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Sakic's assists lift Avalanche to tie with Oilers

EDMONTON (AP) - Joe Sakic set up all four Colorado scores, including the tying goal by Valeri Kamensky midway through the third period, and the Avalanche tied the Edmonton Oilers 4-4 Wednesday night.

Kamensky scored twice. His 13th goal of the season at 8:10 of the final period made it 4-all. Jason Arnott nearly gave Edmonton its first overtime win of the season but his quick wrist

bounced off the goal post. Andrei Kovalenko scored twice for the Oilers. His 15th goal of the season and 100th in the NHL came with one second left on a power play, putting Edmonton ahead 4-3 at 4.51 of the third period.

Stars 3, Blackbawks 2 Mike Modano scored 27 seconds into overtime as the visiting Dallas ralhed from a two-goal deficit to defeat

Defensemen Keith Carney misplayed the puck at center ice, and dano and Greg Adams went into the Chicago zone on a 2-on-1 break against defenseman Chris Chelios. Modano carried into the right faceoff circle but his pass was blocked by Chelios. The puck, however, went directly back to Modano, and with

goalie Jeff Hackett having moved in position for a possible shot by Adams, the net was wide open for Modano to score his team-high 13th goal.

The Stars ran their imbeaten string to

five games (3-0-2). They also haven't lost in five road games (4-0-1). Rangers 4, Kings 0 Goaltender Mike Richter extended his unbeaten streak to nine games and

the New York Rangers continued their recent surge with a victory over the Los Angeles Kings.
Richter made 37 saves for his second shutout of the season and 16th of his career. He improved his record to

Wayne Gretzky set up goals by Luc Robitaille and Brian Leetch in the first period and then assisted Robitaille again in the third as the Rangers extended their season-best stretch to 9-Mark Messier scored a shorthanded

8-0-1 in the last nine games.

goal in the second period for the Rangers, who beat the Kings for the seventh straight time at Madison Square Garden Sabres 5, Lightning 3 Derek Plante scored two goals and host Buffalo beat Tampa Bay, ending

the Lightning's five-game unbeaten Leading 4-3, the Sabres got an empty-net goal with 55 seconds left when Matthew Barnaby scored after a pass by goaltender Dominik Hasek. Plante's second goal, a 40-foot (12meter) slapshot from the right faceoff circle 1:38 into the third period, gave Buffalo a 4-2 lead. It was his team-

leading 14th goal of the season.

Devils 2, Cannels 1 Denis Pederson's power-play goal at 8:42 of the third period lifted the visiting New Jersey over Vancouver.

The Canucks set a team record by managing just eight shots on goal in the game. Their previous low mark

The teams were scoreless after the first period and tied 1-1 after the sec-

Flames 3, Red Wings 3
Defensman Todd Simpson's first NHL goal helped the host Calgary tie

After Theoren Fleury drew three

the third period.

WEDNESDAY'S NHL RESULTS: Buffalo 5, Tampa Bay 3 N.Y. Rangers 4, Los Angeles 0 Dallas 3, Chicago 2, OT Detroit 3, Calgary 3, tie Colorado 4, Edmonton 4, tie New Jersey 2, Vancouver 1

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Israel, US open hot line

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

ISRAEL and the United States yesterday inaugurated a hot line between Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and his outgoing US counterpart William J. Perry.

It is the first time that a permanent not line has been set up between the US and Israel. There had been a temporary one during the 1991 Gulf War in which the US passed on warnings of Iraqi Scud missile attacks to Israel, but that line was shut shortly after the war ended. The new direct communications

link is aimed at providing a "private and dedicated means for the defense chiefs of the two countries to discuss matters of mutual interest," defense officials said yesterday.

The line is expected to be used to coordinate any Israeli or US military moves in the region, defense sources

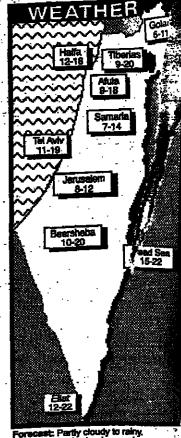
The two agreed to set up the hot line during Mordechai's visit to the Pentagon in Washington last October. The line was declared operational on December 12, and yesterday's telephone call between the two defense leaders marked the first time it was actually used, albeit for a cordial call. "We enjoy a very close relation-

ship with the Israeli minister of defense," said Perry. "This dedicated line provides an additional capability for Minister Mordechai and I to promptly consult on issues of mutual concern whenever the need arises, but particularly during times of increased tension in the Middle

In their first conversation on the hot line, Perry noted the warm working relations that he had established



Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai chats yesterday with his US counterpart, William Perry, as they inaugurate the hot line between the two countries, while US Ambassador Martin Indyk looks on. This is the first time a permanent hot line has been set up; a temporary one operated during the Gulf War.



AROUND THE WORLD

'Post' reporter to receive Hadassah award

Jerusaiem Post Staff

THE JERUSALEM POST's health. science and technology reporter, Judy Siegel-Itzkovich, will be one of the recipients of the Hadassah Women's Zionist Organization of America's "Women of Distinction Awards" next month.

The award, launched to mark the 85th anniversary of the largest Jewish women's organization in the US and due to be given annually to outstanding Israeli and American women in their fields, will be presented at a January 26 ceremony in the Knesset's auditorium.

Some 200 members of Hadassah's national board will attend the group's mid-winter conference, of which the award ceremony will be a highlight. Hadassah national president Marlene Post and 85th anniversary

committee chairman Bernice Tannenbaum said the "Women of Distinction Awards" will "recognize the achievements of women who make a real difference in those fields allied with Hadassah's special interests, such as health and scientific research, public service, the arts, finance and the economy, the media, education and social advocacy."

The other recipients will be: First



'Post' health and science reporter Judy Siegel-(Jeremy Feldman)

Lady Reuma Weizman (for social advocacy and public service over the vears); Galia Maor, general manager of Bank Leumi (finance and economy); Gila Almagor (in the field of arts and for her efforts on behalf of the mentally ill); and Prof. Ruth Amon and Dr. Dvorah Teitelbaum, two of the Weizmann Institute researchers who developed the multiple sclerosis drug Copaxone (health and scientific research).

Siegel-Itzkovich, who has written 15,000 stories in nearly 24 years as a Post reporter, was the unanimous choice of the selection committee for the media field.

MK Oshaya faces fraud probe

MK Efi Oshaya (Labor) was questioned under caution by the National Fraud Squad yesterday in connection with misuse of funds. Oshaya is suspected of misusing Hapoel Netanya funds to finance his prima-

ry election campaign this year. Police began probing the allegations some time ago and decided to summon Oshaya for questioning yesterday. He was released after several hours and police said others could expect to be questioned. A police spokesman confirmed Oshaya had been investi-Raine Marcus

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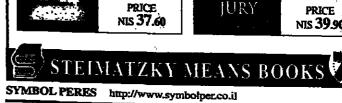
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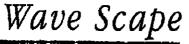
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